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### Spring Is Coming Fast!



THE RECENT RUN OF SPRING-LIKE weather saw local youngsters Laura Rapa, April Rapa, and John Scalise enjoy bike-riding at Hope Farms Drive, Feeding Hills, last weekend.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Lions Club Corned Beef Supper



HARD AT WORK in the middle school cafeteria is Agawam Lions Club President Al Taupier (left) and member Ed Disco, at the club's Annual Corned Beef N' Cabbage Supper, Wednesday, March 12th. (See centerfold inside). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Ryan Rally In Agawam



HAMPDEN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY Matthew Ryan (left) is greeted at the Italian Sporting Club by local supporters Sheileen, Bill, and Gene Sapelli. (Related pictures, story, Page 6). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Second Reading Passes, 11-2...

### Council Again Votes On Zoning

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Town Council voted 11-2, Monday, March 17th, to accept a series of amendments to the present zoning bylaws that were passed unanimously by the Planning Board. Because the new package of amendments are in ordinance form, a third vote will be required by the council to officially add them to the town's zoning bylaws.

10 votes, or two-thirds of the 15-member council are required to pass the zoning package.

Councilor Jack Shaughnessy, who dissented on the amendments, objected to the third vote being taken Monday. He stated that he wished the vote to be postponed until the next council meeting to give councilors more time to review the amendments.

#### DeForge Said Questions Clarified

At Monday's meeting, Ordinance Committee Chairman, Councilor Philip DeForge, stated that last week's meeting with the Planning Board "clarified questions that the committee had at that time. We (the Ordinance Committee) are in agreement with all except three amendments."

Two of the three amendments that DeForge referred to concerned not allowing landowners to cover more than 40 percent of a parcel with structures in both Business B and Industrial A zones.

DeForge told the council the Ordinance Committee recommends that the 40 percent be changed to 50 percent.

The third problem involves Industrial B zoning that currently mandate 25-foot rear yards and side yards, as well as front yard setbacks of 75 feet. The zoning package would delete these requirements. DeForge said he believed this was being done to make Agawam's by-laws conform to state codes.

Shaughnessy then stated, "If there is an existing lot in town under the minimum size, can it be built on? What happens if there are other minimum sized-lots in other districts of Agawam?"

Building Inspector Joseph Conte then explained at the meeting, "I think Councilor Shaughnessy is referring to isolated lots where grief could be caused by the amendment. The people would have to go before the Board of Appeals who can grant variances."

Planning Board member Gary Shannon said the board views these new amendments "as a tool to bring the town more up-to-date in its zoning. We would like to provide a controlled growth."

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Law Suit On Open Meeting Law...

# Suit Vote Illegal; Gallano's Ruling Wrong

**Town Attorney Says Gallano Needed Eight Votes On Motion**

by Dale Fiske

Advertiser News Municipal Writer

In a response to a challenge by Town Councilors Donald Rheault and Jack Shaughnessy, Town Solicitor Ralph Atkins has declared that Council President Andrew C. Gallano's February 18th upholding of a council vote to drop a law suit was illegal.

Last month, the council voted 7-3-3 to drop a case brought against the town by 14 citizens. These people charged that the majority of town council had been in violation of the state's open meeting law when it attempted to fire former Town Manager Edward A. Caba in February 1984. Caba was subsequently fired later that same year.

**Brady Said To Drop Case**

The council voted to drop the case after receiving a letter to do so from special town attorney Peter Brady of Holyoke, who had been hired by the 1984-85 council to handle the case.

The letter stated that the councilors involved would pay their own legal fees and take no further action on the case. The case has been pending for two years and has cost the town over \$13,000 in legal fees.

Gallano ruled the February 18th vote was legal, basing it on the fact that the majority of those councilors attending the meeting approved dropping the law suit.

However, Atkins said he based his decision on Massachusetts General Provisions and the Town Charter which clearly state that the majority of the council is eight, and not seven as Gallano had ruled.

Gallano said he would abide by Atkins' decision.

Atkins ruling is considered a major setback for Gallano, who has been constantly tied to the law suit

by critics. Brady had said in January 1985 that it was apparent Gallano was the "spark behind the lawsuit" following depositions taken from the 14 citizens.

Also, the citizens admitted they had no knowledge whatsoever of the council violating the open meeting law when it attempted to fire Caba, who is now a member of the council. Gallano had repeatedly denied any involvement in the law suit despite the fact that those who filed the suit pointed to him as the one who initially got them involved.

Also, Rheault accused Gallano of being in conflict of interest on his vote to dismiss the law suit on February 18th. Three of the citizens who filed the suit, Wesley Bradford, Hazel French, and Harold Walker also were campaign contributors to Gallano's reelection last fall.

Rheault said, "It was obvious that Councilor Gallano was trying to ram this thing through the council, hoping the law suit would simply go away. I think it is criminal how private citizens use the judicial system to benefit themselves politically."

Rheault said that this law suit and the adverse publicity generated from it seriously hurt the reelection campaigns of former councilors Daniel Lacienski, Thomas Locke, Paul Trimboli, and Peter Longo, all of who lost last November. Also named in the suit were former councilor Neil Blatt (who chose not to seek reelection), present Councilor Edward G. Borgatti, and Rheault and Shaughnessy.

These above former and present councilors were virtually unanimous in wishing to see the suit brought to trial. As Borgatti said, "I was charged with something I didn't do and now they want to drop the case. Those responsible for accusing me of this should have to go before a judge, in a court of law, and repeat their accusations."

**All Pointed To Gallano**

Shaughnessy added, "In the depositions, taken under sworn oath, the citizens admitted they had no knowledge whatsoever of anyone violating the open meeting law. What they did was accuse us of something without any proof of any kind. I would like to see them appear before a judge and jury and make these charges."

"Also, all the citizens pointed to Gallano as the person who got them involved with the suit in the first place. Even though Gallano repeatedly denied it, it's all there in the depositions."

Last fall, Gallano became only the third councilor to ever be censured by the council. He was censured for his part in the law suit, according to the majority of the council.

At Monday night's council meeting, Atkins reported he was supposed to meet with in Hampden County Superior Court Thomas Moriarty and Attorney Theodore Dimauro, representing the 14 citizens and Caba, in Judge Moriarty's chambers, Tuesday afternoon, March 18th.

Council members are waiting for the outcome of that meeting before deciding what course of action to take.

**AT PRESSTIME** we learned that the meeting between the lawyers and Moriarty went as scheduled, but any further action was delayed until Tuesday, April 8th, when another meeting has been slated.

**LEGAL NOTICE****AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 27, 1986, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act on the petition of Michael and David Amato, to perform work subject to the ACT on 184 Leonard Street, Agawam, MA.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**LEGAL NOTICE****LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM  
Board Of Appeals**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of BEVERLY M. CARDIN who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 7 (b) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the addition of a second floor to a non-conforming residence identified as 316 NORTH STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals  
Theodore A. Progulski  
Chairman

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## \$60,000 In Damage After Cooper St. Blaze

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Firefighters responded quickly to a blaze at 31-33 Cooper Street, Wednesday, March 12th, but they could not save the two-family structure.

The fire that gutted the 100 year-old house started at approximately 11:28 a.m. It is owned by Frederick Pajer, Sr., of Edgewater Drive. Occupants Richard and Frederick Pajer, Jr., were not at home at the time. Sixteen firefighters responded to the call.

Fire Chief Rusty Jenks said the fire originated in a partition behind the linen closet on the first floor. The blaze extended through the walls, to the second floor, and into the attic, according to Jenks.

"There had been a lot of remodeling in the house. Hung ceilings were installed but there is no firestopping in the place," Jenks said.

Firecodes now require firestopping to be installed on every floor of a building, however, these codes were not law at the time this two-family structure was built.

Jenks said that without firestopping, a fire of this nature is difficult to contain. "It is hard to fight a fire of this kind because the men can't get to it easily."

Jenks said buildings such as the two-family structure on Cooper Street which burned last week are called balloon constructions. "This causes a chimney effect when a fire starts. The fire rapidly spreads horizontally and vertically."

## Mrs. Sandlin Named As MASC Delegate

Rosemary Sandlin of the Agawam School Committee has been appointed to serve as a member of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Association's Game Officials Committee.

Mrs. Sandlin will represent the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) on this body, which negotiates with game officials. This will be her second year on the committee.

Mrs. Sandlin is a six-year member of the Agawam School Committee and has served as chairperson twice.

MASC is an organization that serves school committees in the commonwealth.

### ZONING - From Page 1...

The amendments proposed to Business A zoning requires frontage from structures built of at least 75 feet and sideyard minimum widths of 10 feet, unless parcels are adjacent to residential or agricultural parcels. In this case, sideyards must be 15 feet.

#### More Sideyard-Rearyard Space

Industrial A zoning changes call for sideyard and rearyard setbacks from new structures of 25 feet each. If rearyard or sideyards fall between streets and the nearest building, a 40-foot setback will be required. Buildings, according to the council's vote on Monday, will not be allowed to cover more than 50 percent of a parcel. A 75 percent law is now being used.

At the Planning Board's public hearing, resident Raymond Charest spoke in favor of the new zoning package, stating, "I commend the Planning Board for their work." Planning Board members Edward Shibley, Jr., and Charles Calabrese were also on hand to go on record in support of the proposals.

Residents Clyde Light and Joseph Losito, both who own property that is directly affected by the amendments, spoke against the zoning changes and urged the council to "give them a lot of thought before making the changes."

Planning board members when speaking before the Ordinance Committee, Monday, March 10th, stressed that over the past few months, they and Town Planner Deborah Dachos have studied area lots and businesses, and have worked with other groups to determine guidelines for their study and proposals.

The 56 responses to an Attitudinal Survey of Agawam, conducted by the Office of Planning and Community Development, were also used in the Planning Board's amendment decisions, according to Shannon.

When the Ordinance Committee, which included DeForge, and councilors Benjamin Lockhart and Edward Caba, questioned Ms. Dachos and planners about the 40 percent requirement, Ms. Dachos responded, "Larger buildings usually require larger parking lots. If you look at the Food Mart building, including the bank and other buildings from Walnut Street Extension to Zayre's, those structures only over 20 percent of the lot."

Conte added that he didn't feel that the 40 percent amendment was in any restrictive to business in town, after questioned by DeForge on the subject.

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**SMOKE BILLOWS** from this two-family structure on Cooper Street, Wednesday, March 12th. About \$60,000 in damages were estimated, according to Agawam Fire Chief Rusty Jenks. The fire originated in a partition behind a linen closet on the first floor. Sixteen firefighters responded to the 11:28 a.m. call. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Ag. Chamber Planning Annual Meeting

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 8th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Chez Josef. The guest speaker will be Springfield Mayor Richard E. Neal who will discuss "The Relationship Between the Central City and the Suburban Communities."

Also on the agenda is the introduction of the Chamber's new officers, directors, and President-elect Richard E. Aldrich.

The program chairwoman for this event is Dr. Katherine M. Schlaffer.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person which includes hors d'oeuvres. Reservations should be pre-paid and mailed to the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 531, Agawam, MA, 01001, no later than Friday, April 4th.

**CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:** Al's Bicycle Corner, Anderson Precision, Richard Augusti, CPA, Bancroft Bridal & Weddings Unlimited, Barron Long & Associates, Clean Touch, Commercial Sale, Jody Desjorais, Lewis & Arnold, Inc., Success Plus, Tech Auto Service, United Industrial Service Company, Inc., and Zimmerman & Sons.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES:** Nominating Committee Chairman Raymond F. Pieczarka of Dee Service has announced the director nominees for the next three-year term: Charles Bradway, Broadway Limousine Service; Mark Haymes, Standard Uniform Service; Warren Luthgren, New England School Supply; James Martone, Farm Credit Banks of Springfield; Jack Sarat, Sard Ford; Allan Skole, Chez Josef; and Robert Vanderhoof, Agawam Opticians.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Pieczarka; Richard Aldrich, R.E. Aldrich Insurance; Haymes; and Dr. Schlaffer of Schlaffer Chiropractic.

THE EDUCATION & MANPOWER COMMITTEE has scheduled a "Career Day" for Agawam High School, Thursday, May 1st. Students will meet with company representatives and learn about a variety of occupations. Currently, committee members are contacting local companies and asking for volunteers to make presentations.

"Career Day" is part of the Education and Manpower Committee's school-business partnership program to educate students about the type of occupations that exist, as well as matching them with companies which have part-time openings available after school or during the summer.

Committee members are Andrew C. Campbell, chairman, Campbell Management; Rita Ducharme, EBTEC Corporation; Brian Donnelly, Agawam Medical Center; William Ekstedt, Western Mass. Electric Company; Michael Maher, Farm Credit Banks of Springfield; Rosemary Sandlin, School Committee; Dr. Schlaffer, Allan Skole; Edward Truelove, Standard Industrial Uniform Services; and Marjorie Wood, BayBank Valley Trust Company.

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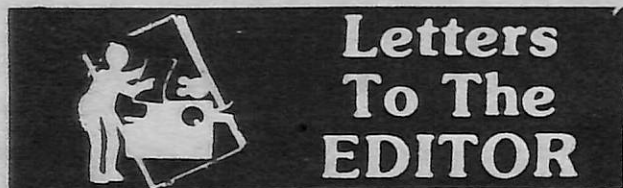
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## Residents Oppose Duplex Plans

### To The Editor:

We would like to take a little space to comment on the re-zoning of a parcel of land in Feeding Hills, located near and behind the Springfield Street Fire Station.

We (approximately 200 residents) are opposed to the zone change of 9.025 acres (Janulewicz tract) submitted by Valley View Associates, Inc., to anything other than agriculture (as it is) or Residential A.

It is our intention to have a consistency with the surrounding area which exists now. It is our concern that if this specific property is rezoned to Residential B to accommodate up to (at least) 30 duplexes, two other agricultural areas also surrounding our area will soon follow.

Below we have listed some of the complications:

- 1) **The present situation with Route 57** and the increased automobile traffic would cause the safety hazard which now exists on Springfield Street to expand;
- 2) **As you are well aware, we already have an over-crowded situation** at Granger Elementary School. A development of this nature with the proposed amount of children that it would bring, on a very small piece of land, would result in an even more cramped situation in Granger School and;
- 3) **A precarious water situation is prevalent** on the Janulewicz property. Many residents of the surrounding area already experience water problems. To disturb the water table in the Janulewicz land would add to the present water concerns of the residents, as well as future residents of buildings on the Janulewicz tract;

One very positive action that has happened through this proposed zone change is that an entire area of people have formed a bond. We have become neighbors in the true sense - for a common goal, beneficial to all.

**Thank-you from the Committee To Preserve Our Zoning - Diane Cecchetelli**  
Iris Copson  
Susan Pettazzoni

**NOTE:** The next Planning Board meeting, Thursday, March 20th, will be discussing this subject, at the Agawam Public Library, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

You are welcome to submit letters to the editor. Our deadline is Tuesday at noontime. Letters should be typed and doubled spaced, and must be signed, Thank-you

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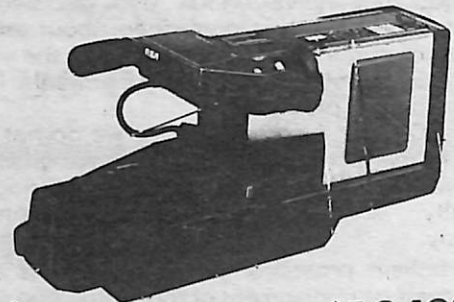
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**THOMAS MORIARTY** of 350 Meadow Street, chats with District Attorney Matthew J. Ryan at a campaign rally, Thursday, March 13th, at the Italian Sporting Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**DISTRICT ATTORNEY MATTHEW RYAN** discusses his candidacy with Agawam supporters Al Christopher (center) and Gene Sapelli (right), at the Italian Sporting Club, Thursday, March 13th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Good Turnout At Italian Sporting Club As Supporters Rally For DA Ryan's Campaign

After serving since 1959 as Hampden County District Attorney, Matthew Ryan last week announced his intention to run for re-election next fall. Ryan supporters in Agawam held a rally in his honor at the Italian Sporting Club, Thursday, March 13th.

"It has been my privilege and honor to have served the residents of Hampden County as their District Attorney since January of 1959.

"I sought the office then because I could conceive of no higher calling than to improve the quality of life through the investigation and prosecution of crime in our country.

"I seek that office today for the same reasons. I am proud of the record my office has compiled in those 28 years.

"This has been a period of turbulence for law enforcement agencies everywhere.

### Period Of Tremendous Change

"It has been a period of tremendous change and challenge to law enforcement agencies. Well-intentioned but naive efforts and decisions have sometimes seemed more concerned about protecting the rights of criminals than the rights of the victims.

"It is said my office is tough on criminals. It's true. We are. And I'm proud of it.

"In the District Attorney's office we do not present matters to the grand jury unless we have good reason to believe the persons against whom we bring action are guilty. And if indicted, we prosecute them vigorously.

"But I believe protection of the innocent is equally as important as punishment of the guilty, and in my office we try to do both.

"Our conviction rate is excellent. Since I have been district attorney, our rate of conviction, or the equivalent has been in the 90 percent area.

"We try to be fair. Our population has changed and increased since I was first elected.

"With the increase in population has come an increase in crime. As a result, my office has increased its services in this area with special programs, such as one to address drug use and abuse among our youth.

"Recently, our office was one of only eight across the nation to be awarded a grant to prosecute child abuse cases.

"This office was one of the first in the state to begin a victim-witness program, to assist those victimized by crime during the lengthy and sometimes intimidating courtroom process. I am happy to say that program is now a state-wide one, and our victim-witness staff has expanded its services.

"I am not what you would call a passive district attorney. I go into the courtroom. I personally try many of the more serious cases. I believe the public expects and deserves top prosecution from its elected district attorney. And you can be sure that anyone from my office who tries a case under my supervision is qualified by training, experience, and intelligence to represent the people effectively.

"We have been successful in enlarging our staff. When I started, we had three assistant district attorneys for both Hampden and Berkshire counties. Today, we have 39 assistants for Hampden County alone.

"We worked hard to get these extra people and I feel the results justify the expenditure. We believe defendants are entitled to speedy trials, as guaranteed by the Constitution, and that the people deserve to know

that those who are found guilty will be punished and, in the case of those who commit major crimes, put in places where they are no threat to society.

### Takes Job Seriously

"I take this job seriously. I work hard at it. It gives me no pleasure to send someone to jail, but it is even more painful to see the physical and mental anguish suffered by innocent citizens who, through no fault of their own, become the victims of crime.

"I will run on my record because I am proud of that record. My only promises are that I will continue to work as hard for the people in the next four years as I have the last 28, to be firm but fair, and to use the experience and knowledge I have accumulated to protect our society from those who would do us harm," Ryan concluded.

Ryan has been Hampden County's chief prosecutor since January 1959.

Ryan was born and raised in Springfield. He attended Monson Academy, where he was a distinguished student athlete.

He graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he competed in sports and excelled academically. He graduated with a b.s. in civil engineering in 1943.

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Public Library  
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Monday, March 24th  
Special Council Meeting  
Public Library  
8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 25th  
School Committee Meeting  
Junior High School  
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 27th  
Conservation Commission  
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Thursday, March 27th  
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## Agawam Hosts Meeting Of WMass Police Chiefs



**AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI** (center) welcomes Holyoke Police Chief Harold Skelton and Springfield Chief Paul Fenton at Ernie's Steak & Seafood Restaurant, for a recent meeting of the Western Mass. Police Chiefs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**WESTERN MASS. POLICE CHIEFS** held their annual meeting at Ernie's Steak and Seafood Restaurant in Agawam. From left - Agawam Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski; David Bell, Deerfield; Paul Ericson, East Longmeadow; and Robert Knight, Belchertown. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Civil Defense Center Proposed For Wing of Peirce School

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

At the Peirce Building Designers Selection Board meeting Wednesday evening, March 12th, committee members Anthony Saracino, vice-chairman, and Raymond Charest, secretary, addressed how one vacant wing, originally called the annex, would be used. Police facilities only occupy three-fourths of the Peirce building, leaving one wing vacant.

Town Manager Reid Charles proposed a central command center to be used in the event of an emergency situation for the remaining wing. He said, "It's imperative that we have a central dispatch area where everyone is coordinated. The fire department, police department, public works, and civil defense need to be included in this program."

"Within the last few years, the town has had a tornado, been through a flood, and last fall, had a hurricane," Charest added. Committee members agreed to adopt the proposed center.

Architect Douglas Goodman, representative of Reinhardt Associates, tentatively designated a small room in the annex to be the radio room. Goodman said, "You need a central radio system to tie all systems together. All command personnel have to be in one central location to facilitate emergency programs."

James Martone, chief of the Agawam Auxiliary Police, explained the needs of his department to committee members. He said auxiliary police need an office, storage space, a muster room, and a training room. Martone's 10-man group meets once a month, but he said that his office is busy during the week. Auxiliary police also train and need an extra room for that function, Martone said.

James Loomis, director of the town's Civil Defense, was also on the agenda, but was unable to attend the meeting to give his input. He will be meeting with Goodman later in the week.

Police Officer Donald Loncto, who is in charge of all police weapons, reported to the committee regarding the special requirements of his area. Loncto, an expert on guns, loads all ammunition and does all weapon repairs. Security and enough space to work in are his primary concerns.

Minor design changes in the police station lay-out were tentatively made to accommodate Loncto's requests. The original room set aside for his work was too small. Goodman suggested to eliminate a cloak room adjacent to the armory, knock-out the wall, and expand Loncto's area.

Goodman is going to be revising designs to accommodate the required space needed by the Auxiliary Police, Civil Defense, and Central Command Center. The Community Room planned for public use will remain, but it may have to double for other uses due to the shortage of space created by the Central Command Center.

The committee plans to meet Wednesday, March 19th, to review Goodman's reworked designs.

Also present at Wednesday's meeting were Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Police Sergeant Robert Campbell, and Precinct Councilor John Shaughnessy.

## Agawam Council On Aging Receives Grant

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) today announced that several communities in the Second Hampden-Hampshire District have been awarded grants under the Executive Office of Elder Affairs fiscal year 1986 Discretionary Grant Program.

Funds were awarded to the Agawam Council on Aging (\$1,700), to conduct an Intergenerational Telephone Reassurance Program; and the Southwick Council on Aging, (\$5,000), to hire a regional Senior Center director and pay for related administrative and operational costs.

A total of \$610,000 is being awarded to 142 local Councils on Aging under this second, competitive part of the Executive Office's Annual Grant Programs.

Monies are given for a variety of purposes, ranging from senior center equipment and improvements for

ramps to social day care, intergenerational home repair and chore services, and volunteer recruitment and training.

Other direct services funded included out-reach, telephone reassurance/friendly visiting, health and fitness, and home matching programs. These awards are in addition to the formula grants issued last November.

Councils on Aging serve an estimated 360,000 of the slightly more than one million persons 60 and over in the Commonwealth.

Secretary of Elder Affairs Richard H. Rowland declared, "These monies help to offset local budget reductions caused by Proposition 2½, and provide for innovative, special local programs which may serve as a model for other communities around the state."

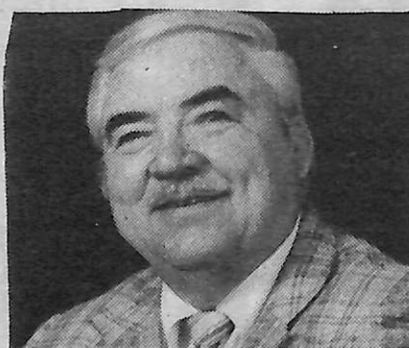
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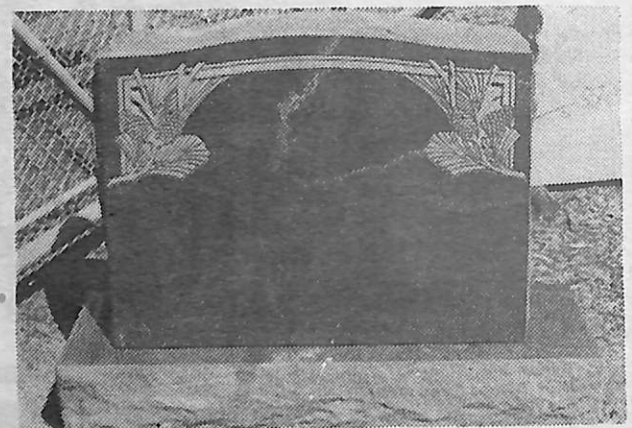
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## Betty Fearn's Last Day...



**14-YEAR AGAWAM TOWN EMPLOYEE BETTY FEARN**, now the assistant town treasurer, spent her last day at the Agawam Town Hall, Wednesday, March 20th. Mrs. Fearn is pictured with Town Treasurer Rudy Altobelli clearing up some paperwork before she leaves town employment permanently. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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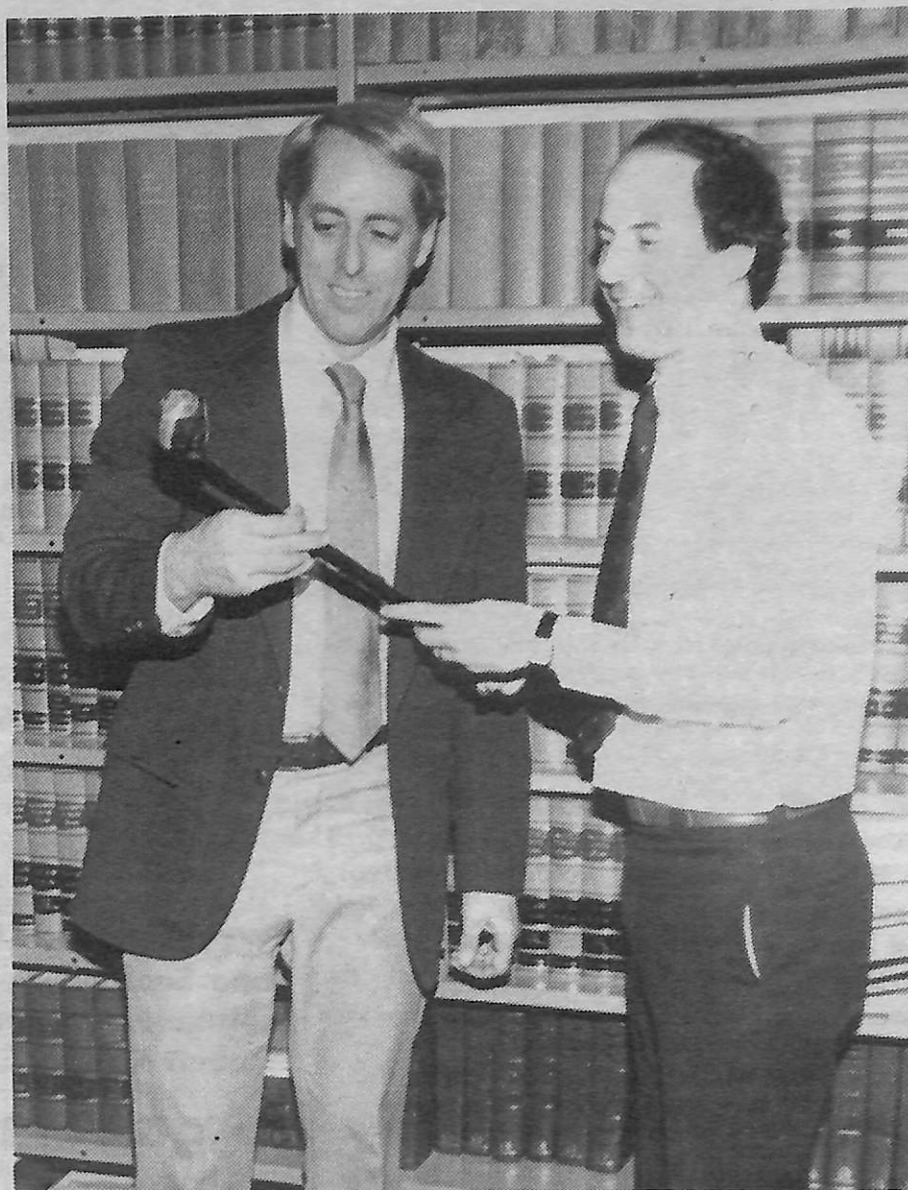
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## ...Agawam's Resident Irishman



**AGAWAM TOWN CLERK RICHARD M. THEROUX** (right) presents the town's Shillelagh to Precinct 3 Town Councilor Jack Shaughnessy, this year's chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam Obituaries

### Phyllis Granger

Agawam: Phyllis R. (Gray) Granger, 84, formerly of South Westfield Street in the Feeding Hills section, a retired 38-year teacher in Feeding Hills Center School, now Granger School, died Wednesday, March 12th, of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Huntington. The school was named for a relative of her late husband.

Born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, she came to Feeding Hills in 1929.

She received a teaching degree from the University of New Hampshire and retired in 1967.

She was a former president of the PTA and was a founder of the school lunch program in Agawam.

She was also a member of Feeding Hills Congregational Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her husband, Sydney C. Granger, died in 1971.

She leaves a son, Charles R. of Southwick; two daughters, Joyce Grygiel of New Oxford, Pennsylvania, and Sarah James of Long Beach, Florida; a brother, Edward C. of Chelmsford; 13 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was Saturday afternoon in the church with burial at the convenience of the family. Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam, was in charge. Donations may be made to the library fund of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

### Ersilia Elce

Agawam: Ersilia (Travaglini) Elce, 92, of 133 Poplar Street in the Feeding Hills section, died Thursday, March 13th, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. Born in Cerasa, Italy, she came to the United States in 1912. She had lived in Hopedale many years before moving to Feeding Hills 20 years ago. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. Her husband, Girolomo Elce, died in 1966. Her daughter, Deborah DiSanti of West Boylston, died in December 1985. She leaves four daughters, Min Bonoci of West Boylston, Evelyn Rose of Feeding Hills, Mary Biagetti of Agawam and Malfada Pareseu of Arlington, Texas; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday morning at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with entombment in Hillcrest Park Cemetery Mausoleum, Springfield.

### Rose M. Hamilton

Agawam: Rose M. (Mangis) Hamilton, 84, formerly of South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died Friday, March 14th, in a New Hampshire nursing home. Born in Mt. Rose, New York, she lived in Feeding Hills most of her life. She had been a patient at the nursing home for five years. Her husband, Raymond J. Hamilton, died in 1962. She leaves a daughter, Nancy Fiske of New Hampshire, and two sisters, Elsie Cloutier and Marion Mangis, both of Springfield. The funeral was Monday afternoon at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, West Springfield, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to any charity.

### Peter F. Maiolo

Agawam: Peter F. Maiolo, 88, of 499 Meadow Street, a retired self-employed handyman, died Sunday, March 16th, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. He was born in Springfield and had lived in the Springfield-Agawam area many years. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. He leaves a son, Frank of Suffield, Connecticut; a daughter, Rose Sheldon of East Windsor, Connecticut; two brothers, Joseph F. and

James J., both of Springfield; two sisters, Carmela "Nellie" Longo of Agawam and Christine Baggetta of Springfield; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. The funeral was Wednesday morning at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

### Anna Racheck

Agawam: Anna (Zianz) Racheck, 92, of 390 Poplar Street, Feeding Hills, died Friday, March 14th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. A native of Austria, she lived in Feeding Hills for more than 60 years. She was a member of Agawam Methodist Church. Her husband, Sidor Racheck, died in 1939. She leaves a son, Paul of Feeding Hills; five daughters, Helen Lesure of East Longmeadow, Mary Schmaelzle of Feeding Hills, Catherine Malachowski of Westfield, Olga Viniconis of Suffield, Connecticut, and Anita Viets of East Granby, Connecticut; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. The funeral was Monday morning in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

### Albert Mayer Jr.

Agawam: Albert E. Mayer Jr., 71, of 8 Meadowbrook Manor, a retired business owner and former president of the Pioneer Valley United Fund Inc., died Monday, March 10th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

He was president and owner for 35 years of the former Albert E. Mayer Plumbing Company in Springfield before he retired from the business to work at the Milton Bradley Company.

Mayer was president of the South End Community Center in Springfield, and was associated with the United Fund for many years before being elected president.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Longmeadow 24 years before he moved to Agawam in 1972.

He was a graduate of Classical High School, Springfield; Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, and Dartmouth College, where he was active in the Dartmouth Alumni Club.

He was a communicant of St. John's Church here and St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow, and a member of the Springfield Rotary Club. He was chairman of the Longmeadow High School Building Committee.

An avid pilot and an aircraft owner, he had served on the board of directors of the Western Massachusetts Aviation Association.

He leaves two sons, Albert E. of Oakland, California, and Christopher J. of Hartland, Vermont; a daughter, Marcia M. Snyder of Longmeadow; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was Thursday morning at Hafey Forest Park Chapels, Springfield, and in St. Mary's Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA, 01105.

### Francis P. Morrissey

Agawam: Francis P. Morrissey, 75, of 35 Federal Street, a retired bus driver for the former Springfield Street Railway Company, died Sunday, March 16th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He worked for the company 40 years, retiring in 1975. Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam 35 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II, having served in the Ninth Division in the European Theater. The division was responsible for liberating several concentration camps in Germany. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 448, where he formerly served as an officer in its credit union. His wife, the former Mary Donovan, died in 1982. He leaves a daughter, Judith Robinson of Medfield; a brother, Edward of Easthampton; a sister, Mary Walsh of Springfield; and three grandchildren. The funeral was Wednesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Donations may be made to Western Massachusetts Hospital, Palliative Care Unit, 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA, 01085, or to the Hospice Fund of the Springfield Visiting Nurses Association, 60 Berkshire Avenue, Springfield, MA, 01109.

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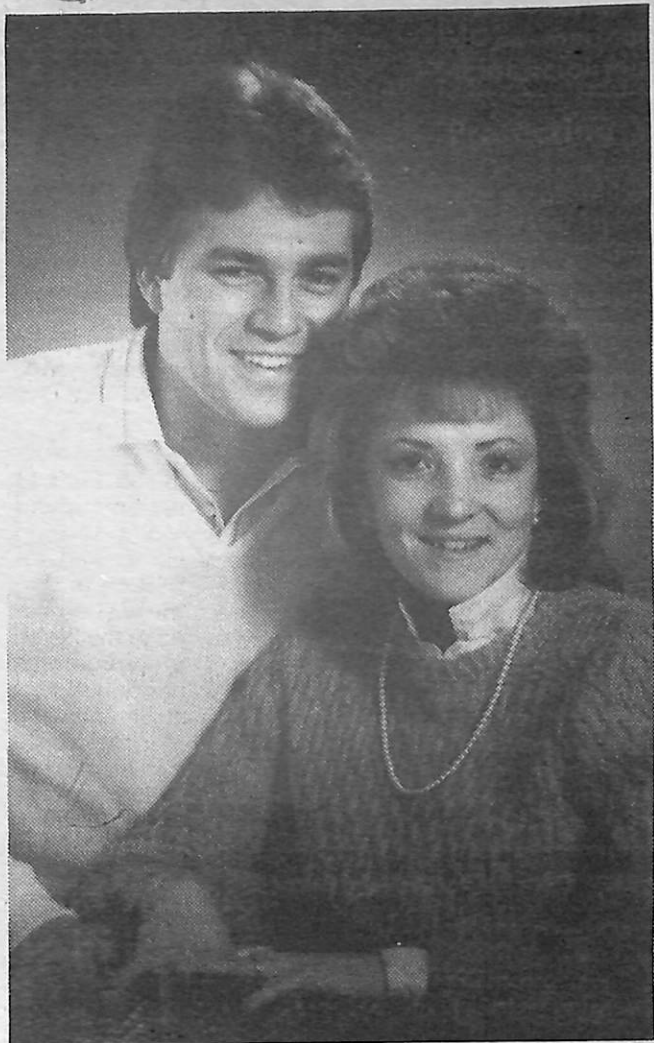
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# Families



**EUGENE ARSENAULT, Jr., & LYNNE ROSSI**

## Lynne Marie Rossi Engaged To Eugene Arsenault Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Vito Rossi of 32 Wrenwood Lane, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynne Marie, to Mr. Eugene Arsenault, Jr. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Arsenault, Sr., of 44 Ley Street, Agawam.

Miss Rossi is a graduate of Agawam High School and Bay Path Junior College with a major in Medical Assistant-Medical Secretary. She is employed by Pro Data, Company of East Longmeadow, as a 7218 operator.

Mr. Arsenault is a graduate of Agawam High School. He is presently attending University of Massachusetts, Amherst, majoring in computer science.

He is employed part time by Soda and Pet Food City, until graduation in January 1987.

An August 1986 wedding is planned.

## Historical Association To Meet March 25th

The Agawam Historical Association will meet Tuesday, March 25th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Guests will be members of the Ramapogue Historical Association of West Springfield.

Christie White of the Department of Interpretation at Old Village will present a dramatized interpretation of Abigail Kelley, who spoke out for the Abolitionist Movement.

This interpretation will also address the importance of each of us having a voice in shaping the circumstances that surround us.

Also at this meeting, Doris Wackerbarth of Granville and author of "Guardians of the New World," will present a short review of the parts of her book that deal with individual responsibility in protecting our liberties.

She will also have copies of her book available should anyone desire to purchase a copy.

## Holy Name Society Plans April Dinner Meeting

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church will have its April 8th meeting at DaVinci's Restaurant, 60 North Street, Feeding Hills, honoring all past presidents.

Cocktails and social will be from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., and dinner (Dutch treat) at 7:00 p.m., with your choice from the menu.

Reservations are a must. Call Chairman Paul Ferrarini, 789-3528, or the church rectory, 786-3724.

Members are asked to bring a potential candidate.

A special invitation is extended to former society members to attend to honor all of the society's past presidents.

Parishoners wishing to join the society are welcomed to attend the dinner meeting.

## Agawam Republicans To Hear Keynote Address By Bush

Vice-President George Bush will deliver the keynote address at the Massachusetts Republican State Convention, Saturday, April 12th, at the Worcester Centrum in Worcester.

Heading the nine Agawam Republican delegates will be Andrew Campbell, chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee. Other Agawam delegates are: Jessie Fuller, chairman of the Agawam School Committee; Mary Hunter, Precinct 2 captain; Donald Mattoon, membership chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee; Louise Mattoon; Donald McCave, Precinct 1 assistant captain; Priscilla Peterson; Richard Sardella, publisher of the Agawam Advertiser News; and Christopher Swank.

Ambassador John Volpe, former governor of Massachusetts, will be permanent chairman of the convention.

Jeanne Kirkpatrick, former ambassador to the United Nations, will speak at the Pre-Convention Program Friday night, April 11th, at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn in Worcester.

The Pre-Convention program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Republican State Committee and is open to all Republicans and interested Independent voters. Tickets are \$15 and may be secured through the Massachusetts Republican State Committee, 20 East Street, Boston, 02111.

## First Baptist Church Players To Perform March 23rd

"The Divine Miracle," a one-act Easter drama in the modern idiom, will be presented Sunday evening, March 23rd, in the Sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Agawam, at the corner of Main and Elm Streets.

Worship at the 7:00 p.m. service, will be led by Pastor Dr. Donald B. Morris. Participants in the play are Jeanne Webster, Archie DallaPegorara, Marianne Tompkins, Nancy Edwards, Lynda DallaPegorara, and Philip Magovern.

Everett Hodge and Jean Goss are the directors. The public is cordially invited.

## Agawam Women's Club To Meet March 24th

The Agawam Women's Club will meet Monday, March 24th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 8:00 p.m. The "mystery ride" scheduled for 6:30 p.m., has been cancelled.

Following the business meeting, Agawam Police Sergeant Longhi, safety officer for the town, will speak on the new seat belt law and show a film.

Serving as hospitality committee of the evening will be Martha Allen, Jean Goss, Frances Olivo, Eleanor Toussaint, and Louise Wallace.



**MR. & MRS. DANIEL F. ILNICKY**

## Lori Jane Richardson Marries Mr. Daniel Francis Ilnicki

Lori Jane Richardson and Daniel Francis Ilnicki were united in a candlelight ceremony, February 22nd, at Christ Lutheran Church, Southwick, Massachusetts. The Reverend John P. Fritz officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rodney S. Richardson of Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Williams of Easthampton.

Attending as matron of honor was Maria E. Richardson, sister-in-law of the bride. The bridesmaid was Karolyn J. Ilnicki, sister of the groom.

Serving as best man was Jeffrey P. Richardson, brother of the bride. Donald F. Williams served as an usher.

Mrs. Ilnicki, a 1981 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1985 graduate of Keene State College, is currently employed by G. Fox and Company, West Warwick, Rhode Island.

Mr. Ilnicki is a 1982 graduate of Easthampton High School and a 1985 graduate of Keene State College. He is employed as a safety and security specialist by Speidel Corporation in Providence, Rhode Island.

Following a reception at the Carriage House in Storowtown Village, the couple left for a trip to Pennsylvania. They will make their home in Providence.

**Best hometown news...**

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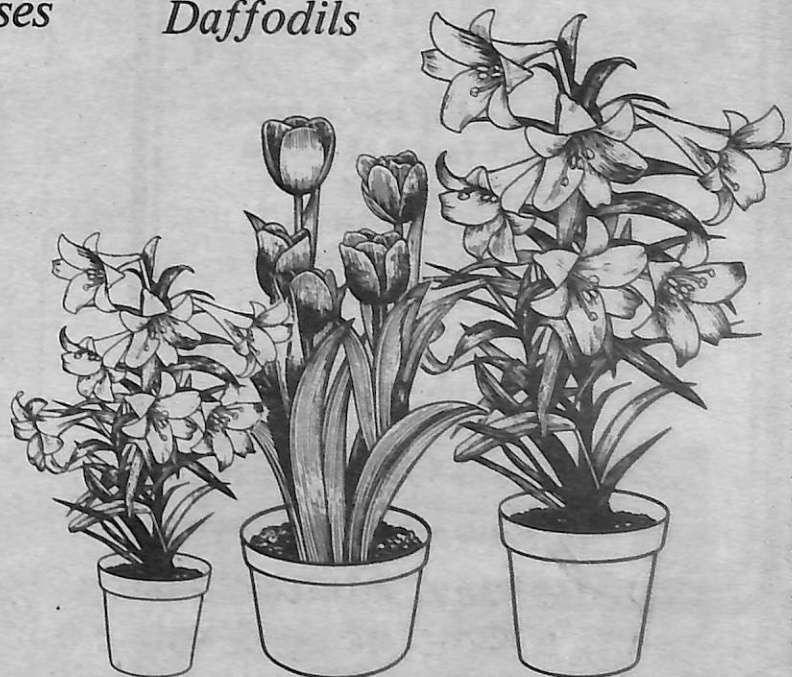
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## MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

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A family dinner was recently held to honor WILLIAM & RUTH LITTLEFIELD of Carr Avenue, Agawam, on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary.

They were married on Valentine's Day, February 14th, 1941, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. Their family includes KEVIN & CINDY LITTLEFIELD, and grandchildren, MATT and CHRIS of Southwick, and ALLEN & SUE RUNSHAW, and granddaughters, KAREN & BECKI of Feeding Hills.

Our congratulations to the Littlefields.

This special message reads  
"HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY -  
MICHELLE MONTESI"

With much love from MOM, DAD, MARLO, and MICHAEL of Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills.

Saturday, March 15th was the ninth birthday of BOB-BY BURKE. The son of BOB & PAULA BURKE of Orchard Street, Agawam, he is a student at Robinson Park School. He is a soccer player and belongs to a bowling league at Agawam Bowl.

Mom and dad send their belated birthday wishes to him.

BOB SLATER of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, celebrated his birthday on Friday, March 14th, by "playing bingo" instead of being a runner and paying other winners.

Bob owns the Cut and Curl Beauty Shop on Main Street, Springfield. Belated birthday wishes to Bob.

The first child of ROBERT & DEBORAH DREWES of Breckwood Circle, Springfield, was born on March 9th. KELLY NICOLE DREWES weighed seven pounds, 2 ounces, and measured 22 inches long.

She is the fifth grandchild of EDGAR & JACQUELINE EMMENS of Conifer Drive, Agawam. She is the first grandchild of GERALD & ANITA DREWES of Federal Street Extension, Agawam, and the first great-grandchild of IRENE CANTY of Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, and HERMAN & DOROTHY DREWES of Riverview Drive, Chatham.

Congratulations to DIANNE & LOUIS BARRY on the birth of their second son.

MATTHEW LOUIS BARRY was born January 25th, weighing eight pounds, four ounces, and measuring 21 inches long.

Matthew joins his two year-old brother, NICHOLAS, at their home in Orleans, Massachusetts.

Both parents are former Agawam residents. Dianne is the daughter of ROBERT & DORIS GRIFFEN. Louis is the son of the late BERNARD & OLIVE BARRY.

JOSEPH WILLIAM BERCIER IV, was born on December 1st, 1985. On Sunday, March 9th, he was baptized at St. Anthony's Church. He is the son of JOSEPH WILLIAM III & LORI BERCIER of Franklin

Street, Feeding Hills.

Godfather to little Joseph was his grandpa, JOSEPH WILLIAM BERCIER JR., and godmother to baby Joseph was his grandma, DUSTY BERCIER. The elder Berciers reside on Squire Lane, Feeding Hills.

His other grandparents are MR. & MRS. RAY CARESTIA of George Street, Agawam, and great-grandma ROSE BERCIER lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A christening party was held at the home of the Berciers on Franklin Street.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Birthday wishes are being sent to ROSE PARO of Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills. Her big day was Thursday, March 20th, and these wishes are coming from some friends of hers.

On March 19th, D.J. CHEVALIER of North Alhambra Circle, Agawam, celebrated his birthday. Friends of the family would like to send him birthday wishes.

Birthday wishes are being sent to GINA BUONICONTI of Holland Drive, Agawam. On Wednesday, March 19th, she celebrated her 20th birthday.

JOEY VELAGO of Meadow Street, Agawam, celebrated his birthday, Friday, March 14th. This seventh grade student at the Agawam Middle School turned a "Big 13." (Now you can be called a teenager).

Also celebrating her 20th birthday Thursday, March 20th, is TAMMY POTTER of Leonard Street, Agawam. Friends and Neighbors would like to extend best wishes to her.

DIANE GOODMAN of Roberta Circle, Agawam, a marketing economics major at Western New England College, celebrated her special day, Tuesday, March 18th. Her family would like to say Happy 20th Birthday, Diane.

Family and friends would like to say "Happy Birthday" to FANNIE PEDULLA of Meadow Street, Agawam. She celebrated her birthday, Thursday, March 13th.

Happy birthday wishes are being sent to BRANDON CHASE, who celebrated his birthday St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17th.

This young fellow was four years-old and has attended Valley Community Nursery School. These wishes come from dad and mom, BOB & LYNN CHASE, and eight month-old brother, KYLE. The Chase family lives on Bradford Drive, Feeding Hills.

YOU ARE WELCOME to submit items of family, social, or neighborhood interest by calling Vi Massoia, 786-5785. Anniversaries, births, birthdays, baptisms, family gatherings, servicemen coming home, etc., all are items gladly accepted.

## "That's My Dog..."



JULIE HENDRIX, 9, of 40 Wrenwood Lane, Agawam, and her dog, "Buffer," enjoy last weekend's fine early spring weather. Buffer wanted to be carried around the neighborhood. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Dr. Seuss Exhibit Continues To March 30th

"The Wonderful World of Dr. Seuss," on view at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum through March 30th, equally mesmerizes both young and old.

Close to 5,000 visitors delighted in the Seuss fantasyland during the public school February vacation week. Consisting of preparatory drawings and sketches from 14 books, advertisements, and political cartoons, the exhibition is supplemented by colorful murals and Seuss books scattered throughout the gallery for the audience's reading pleasure.

Seuss films and Seuss-related studio-activities will take place at the museum for all ages, Sunday, March 23rd, during the Tall Tales and Fabulous Fables program from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., free of charge.

The George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum is located on the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets, and is open Tuesday to Sunday, from noon to 5:00 p.m. (Closed Monday).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 22nd  
"Americana Showcase"  
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Ag. Congo Church  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, March 24th  
Agawam Women's Club  
Captain Charles Leonard House  
8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25th  
Historical Association  
Captain Charles Leonard House  
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 27th  
Parent Burnout Program  
Robinson Park PTO  
7:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, April 5th-6th  
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# Irish Eyes Were Smilin' On The Agawam



**LIONS CLUB MEMBER JUNIOR PROVOST** makes sure that local ladies, Mildred Manfredi, Helen McGrady, and Helen Saitto enjoyed their corned beef and cabbage, Wednesday, March 12th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**JEREMY & JAY BELTRANDI** couldn't wait for the beef and cabbage dinner prepared by the Lions Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB** held a bake sale at the Agawam Lions Club Corned Beef N' Cabbage Dinner, Wednesday, March 12th. Lioness members in photo are, from back - MaryAnn Govoni, Elaine Taupier, and Ann Favreau. **IN PHOTO AT RIGHT** - Mrs. William Swikalus keeps an eye on her grandchildren during the Lions Club Supper. The children are Marc and Lori Swikalus. Advertiser News

photos by Jack Devine.



**BUSY AS BEAVERS** cutting corned beef in the middle school kitchen are Agawam Lions Club members Frank Chriscola (front) and Tom Hyland. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





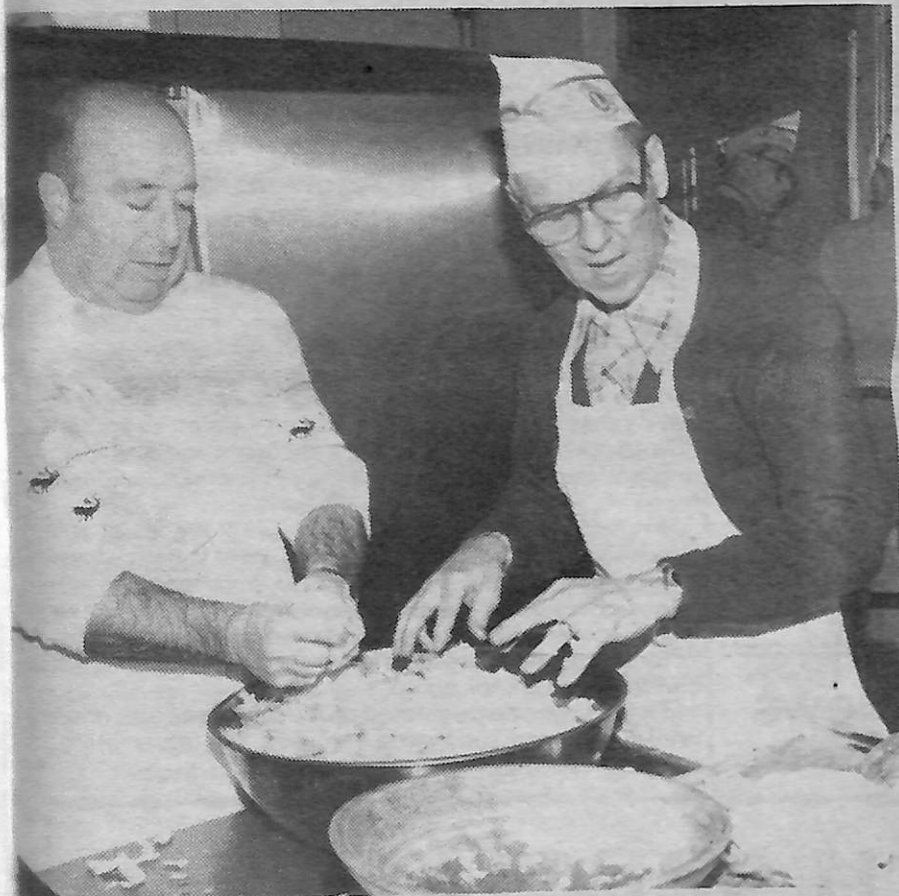
# Lions Club's Annual Corned Beef Supper



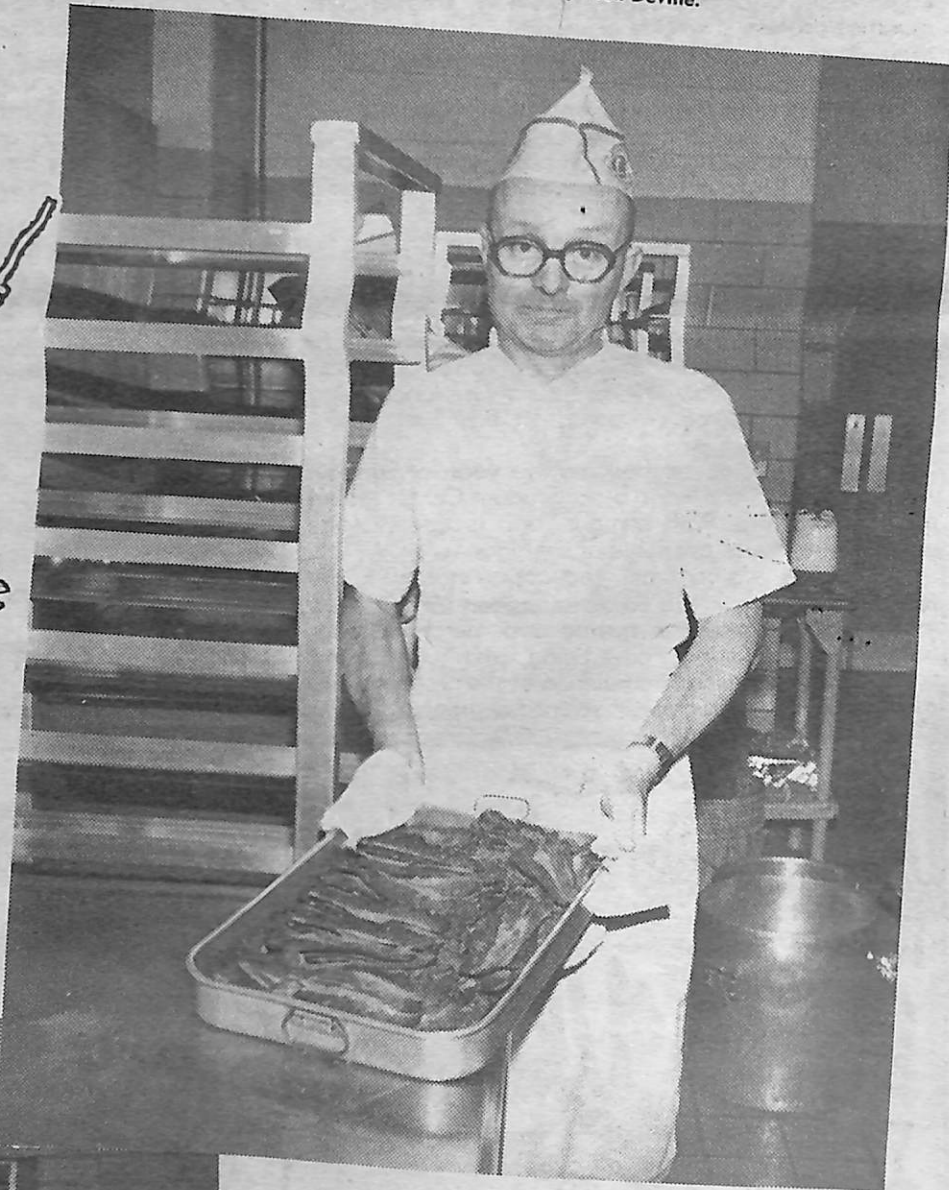
wait to begin eating a delicious corned  
the Agawam Lions Club for St. Patrick's



**THIS FULL-SIZED LION**, a mascot of the Lions Club, greets the McGreevy family at the Agawam Middle School for the Annual Corned Beef N' Cabbage Supper. From left - Thomas, Gene, and Erin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



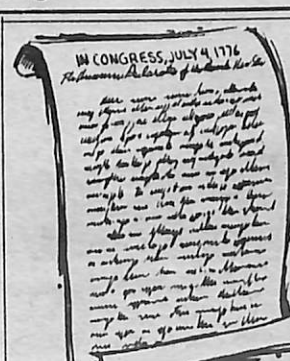
**JACK KUNASEK and MATT BLACKAK**, both members of the Lions Club, shred cabbage in earnest as long throngs of townspeople entered the middle school cafeteria. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ONCE THE MEAT WAS CUT** and prepared, it was up to Lions Club member Ron Mesick to place it into huge boiling kettles to keep up with the fine turnout for the club's Annual Corned Beef N' Cabbage Supper, Wednesday, March 12th. **IN PHOTO AT LEFT** - the Lions' mascot chats with 18 month-old Shana Richter and her brother, Justin, 4. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.







IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776  
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

in  
old  
Agawam

by Marilyn & Dick Curry - Local Historians

Murder At The Ag. Bridge  
Part I

In his introduction to "A Treasury of New England Folklore," author Ben Botkin, himself a native-born Bostonian, hits the nail on the head when he states: "As a folklore country, New England has an advantage over other regions in that its lore is part of a well-defined, well-documented tradition."

He further relates from Bernard De Voto's words, "As a 'finished place', New England has a finished culture, one of the attributes of which is the desire to recapture, if not to perpetuate, the past in the present."

To be sure, both gentlemen are correct in their estimation of New England in that Yankeedom is indeed a "folklore country" and well-documented in the annals of tradition!

Likewise, De Voto is correct in exclaiming that the "Yankee race," is a "race of readers," who "like to read about themselves." Of course, the very essence of these articles entitled "In Old Agawam," is living proof of what these two men have previously exclaimed!

But we cannot set ourselves as exemplary of the New England policy of character since many smaller communities profess a weekly or monthly publication entirely devoted to the daily events within a particular time frame and dedicated to that especial region.

Yet, it is certain that the townsfolk of Agawam and Feeding Hills do indeed imbibe in the traditional folklore that was and is a small but fragmentary portion of this "state of mind" known as New England!

Denice Cleary To Chair  
Baypath Fashion Show

Denice Cleary of Fernwood Drive, Agawam, will be general chairperson for "Silhouettes," a fashion show presented by students in the fashion merchandising and retail management program at Bay Path Junior College.

The annual show is scheduled this year for Sunday, April 13th, at 7:00 p.m., in Blake Student Center dining room on the Bay Path campus, and is open to the public with tickets available at the door.

Mrs. Cleary is a continuing education student in the fashion program, which prepares women for middle management careers in buying and merchandising, fashion coordination, advertising, marketing, and sales. Upon successful completion of the program, she will receive the associate in science degree.

And to be sure, we local folk have our own yarns to tell, our own customs, and our own particular piece of pie that is typically New England...most assuredly Yankee!

**The Old Covered Bridge**

During the research for the writing of this story concerning the two-part series of the "1891 Excursion Through Agawam and Feeding Hills," we became somewhat mesmerized by the town history's account of "Ferryboats and Bridges."

Of particular interest was the story concerning the Old Agawam Bridge that crossed the Agawam River somewhere in the vicinity of the present concrete-steel structure that enters Agawam from West Springfield, adjacent to the Exposition grounds and within the general area of the present Dunkin Donuts shop.

In itself, the story of the Agawam Bridge is well-worth mentioning [let alone the many tales relating to the structure itself!] The bridge is worthy of historical significance as being one of the original site locations (dating back in time to the 1770's).

According to the 100th anniversary booklet of 1955, Highways and Bridges, "...there have been bridges across the Westfield (Agawam) River at three locations. Two of these locations are still in use." Of the three bridges the report states: "The better-known bridge perhaps is the Agawam Bridge that since 1773 has crossed the river near the vicinity of where the new steel and concrete structure was built in 1946."

For a more in-depth study of this Agawam Bridge, we recommend reading town historian Edith LaFrancis' chapter on "Ferryboats and Bridges: Agawam Bridge." Speaking of the Agawam Bridge (1773), Mrs. LaFrancis states: "The first crossing was a deck bridge. Covered bridges were not being built anywhere until 1805 when a bridge in Pennsylvania was roofed over." However, as early as 1819, this bridge must have been a "covered structure" since money was later appropriated for hard-packing the bridge with snow to allow for sleds and sleighs.

"In any event, by 1845 the last covered bridge was rebuilt at this site since the older one had burned the year before."

According to the town history, the bridge was built by a well-known bridge builder, Isaac Damon of Northampton. It was on the Burr arch and kingpost plan, having one pier made of log cribbing filled with stones.

Ferry Continued To Operate

Although a ferry continued to operate during the construction of the new bridge, at no expense to the public, it did shut down at 8:00 p.m. each night. Of

Daughters Of Isabella To  
Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Loyalty Circle 356, Daughters of Isabella, will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 6:00 p.m., at Valle's Steak House. Guests are invited and entertainment will be by the Harmonicats.

General Chairman is regent Grace Hughes and the Hospitality Committee consists of Emilie Smith, Catherine McCarthy, Alvina Gagnon, and Susan Banach. Dorothy Mahoney is in charge of the history and Dorothy O'Clair is the chairman of entertainment.

Best Hometown News

course, the bridge itself remained opened throughout the night.

To accommodate the evening traffic, kerosene lamps were employed and much to the dismay of the bridge's final hours, it was due to such a lamp that finally, on the night of May 28th, 1899, "Lewis Phillips, who lived near the bridge and took care of the lighting, detected wood smoke and went to investigate. The lamp in the bridge had either leaked or exploded and the bridge was afire."

According to Mrs. LaFrancis: "The Selectmen's report for the year ending March 10th, 1900 says: "The old wooden structure known as Agawam Bridge was burned late in May, which left a much-traveled thoroughfare without a passage across the river."

And so ended the relatively long and memorable history of the old covered bridge that once graced our countryside. Still, there is much to be said for the historic past of this bridge in that it must have witnessed any number of events and happenings worthy of note!

At least one such occurrence did take place long before the bridge fell victim to fire. The story is accurately disclosed in the town history and is well worth repeating.

Disaster Strikes...Murder!

Without a doubt, the yellow pages of print of 100 or more years ago will attest to countless tales of mystery, the supernatural, strange phenomenon, murder, or what have you; towns and villages throughout New England have their own special tales that will keep any reader in suspense!

Perchance, is the ensuing story that took place within the covered confines of the Agawam Bridge of just that nature?

Although the tale is briefly stated in the town history, it does indeed whet the appetite of those who would enjoy a Sherlock Holmes or Agatha Christie story on a dark and stormy night! It's a tale of murder!

in old Agawam is a regular feature of the Advertiser News. Don't miss Part II of "Murder at the Agawam Bridge" in next week's edition.

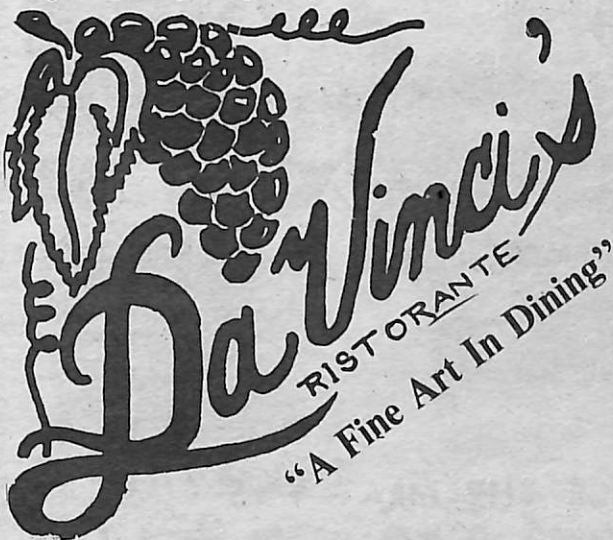
Dinosaur Days Scheduled  
At Science Museum

Tickets are on sale now for the Science Museum's Annual Dinosaur Days, April 19th and 20th. This year's popular event will feature five performances of "Dinosaur Rock," a children's theater production of original music, eight-foot tall puppets, and special effects.

An original planetarium show, "The Planet of the Dinosaurs," will be offered ten times over the two days.

Tickets for both shows must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door. "Dinosaur Rock" tickets are \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. "Planet of the Dinosaurs" tickets are 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults.

Tickets may be purchased at the museum from noon until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. For information, call 733-1194, extension 322 or 323.



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## MONEY SENSE

by Charles Alvanos  
IDS-American Exp.  
Financial Planner



### Protecting Your Estate From Taxes

One of the increasing concerns of many of my clients as well as many people who have accumulated estates of over \$600,000, is to preserve and protect their estate from "Tax Erosion."

Under current federal law, an individual can leave an unlimited amount of property to his or her spouse without paying federal estate tax (the unlimited marital deduction), under the Economic Recovery Tax Act (ERTA), passed in 1981.

So, if a husband, for instance, dies and leaves property to his wife, the law provides that the property passes to the wife free of federal estate tax.

#### May Not Benefit Children

However, the unlimited marital deduction may not benefit children or their heirs. If the inherited property remains in the wife's estate when she dies, her estate may incur federal estate tax liability, depending on the value of the property involved.

Couples who are concerned about minimizing estate settlement costs, especially death taxes in the event of their combined deaths, can do so by setting up a marital trust estate plan (AB trust will).

Under the marital will (AB) arrangement, the estate of the first spouse to die (we'll call him John) is divided into two trust shares. The marital share (A) goes to John's widow, Mary, either outright or in trust. If the trust is structured properly, estate taxes are not levied on this amount (under either distribution arrangement because of the unlimited marital deduction).

The remainder of John's estate (B) goes into a non-marital or family trust, which ultimately will pass to their three children. (Or the remainder can pass directly to their children.)

Mary may receive income from this trust. At the discretion of the trustee, she also may receive principal from the trust when it's needed to provide for her proper care, support, and maintenance.

While Mary wouldn't have full control over the (B) trust principal, she could be given the right to distribute trust assets among the children. She also may have the right annually to withdraw up to 5 percent or \$5,000 of trust principal, whichever is greater. In this case, the amount available for withdrawal in the year Mary dies will be included and taxed in her estate.

The trustees may "sprinkle" the income of Trust B among the surviving spouse (Mary, in this case) and children in any way the trustees determine. This allows them to distribute income according to the greatest need.

#### Terms Of The Trust

When Mary dies, Trust B assets will pass to the children or other heirs, according to the terms of the trust. Mary may be given a special power of appointment over assets held in the trust, which would enable her to distribute them among the children when she dies.

If the children are minors, the assets could remain in trust, and each child could receive net income from his or her share, plus the right to demand distributions from the principal at a designated age.

The decision on how much of the estate should go into Trust B and what amount should go into Trust A is based on the Federal Unified Credit.

In 1985, this credit allows estates with a fair market value up to \$400,000 to pass free of federal estate tax. (The Unified Credit is scheduled to increase in 1987 to equal the taxes on a \$600,000 taxable estate).

As an example, assume John's estate is worth \$1.5 million. If he dies in 1987 or after, \$600,000 of his estate (an amount equal to the unified equivalent amount) would go into Trust B. The remaining \$900,000 would go directly to Mary, estate tax free, in Trust A.

At Mary's death, her estate would pay \$114,000 in federal estate taxes. (Taxes would be substantially higher if death occurs before 1987.) The remaining \$786,000 would go to the children, along with the \$600,000 in Trust B.

If John wants to pass on such specific assets, such as the family business to one or more of his children, he could take advantage of the "qualified terminable interest" provisions of ERTA. These provisions allow John to place property in trust and have it qualify for the unlimited marital deduction, yet designate who should receive it when Mary dies.

However, Mary must be entitled to all income from the property for life, and this income must be payable at least annually.

You should always consult an attorney for legal advice about estate plans as well as drafting wills, trusts, and other legal documents. However, through a thorough financial and estate analysis done by a financial planner, you'll be in a better position to understand the options available as well as the impact a financial plan will have on the success of an estate plan.

For a free 30 minute consultation or for a free packet of financial planning information, please call Charlie at B: 781-2250 or H: 39-0957, or write to 39 High Meadow Road, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

## Not Too Early To "Play Ball..."



**MICHAEL FORASTIERE and CATHERINE GUEVIN** of Willow Brook Drive, Agawam, took full advantage of some spring-like weather to get out the bat and gloves to begin practicing for the new baseball season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### United Methodist Church Plans Pot Luck Supper

The Agawam United Methodist Church, located on Route 57 (across from the Agawam High School), is having a Pot Luck Supper, Sunday, March 23rd, at 6:00 p.m.

The speaker will be Rabbi Gary Greene from B'Nai Jacob, who will talk on Passover. It is open to the public. For more information, call the church, 786-4174.

### Valley Community Women Plan Annual Food Sale

Valley Community Church Women's Club Annual Food Sale will be held at Ames Department Store in Agawam on Good Friday, March 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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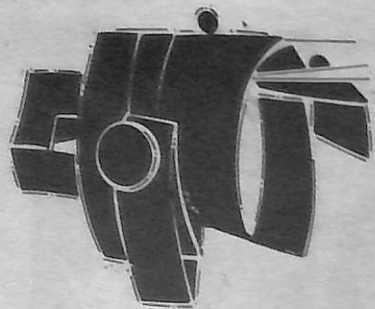
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## SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS...

### Euliano Family Opens New Travel Agency In Feeding Hills - Travel Connections

by Laura B. Dugan  
Advertiser News Feature Writer



**RICHARD J., WILLIAM, AND SUSAN EULIANO** will make sure all of your travel plans are complete both before and after you arrive at your destination. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Far Away Places With Strange Sounding Names," or Places Not So Far Away; wherever one may wish to go, Travel Connections International will arrange it all for you.

Travel Connections International, Agawam's only full-service travel agency, is located in the new Community Shops at Feeding Hills Center, 1325 Springfield Street.

A family business, the owners are Bill Euliano, his wife Susan, and his sister-in-law, Elayne Euliano. Elayne's husband, Rick, is an employee of American Airlines and functions as a valuable consultant. The business was formed as an exciting alternative for the owners to further their interests and expertise in business.

Bill is service manager for Laurel Beef in Hartford and Susan is with New Horizons Real Estate, Feeding Hills. With Elayne, they have pooled their resources, both financial and experience, to offer local people the very latest in travel service.

The Eulianos did a lot of concentrated research to determine their goals and how to reach them. The location was of prime importance and the new buildings at Community Shops offered the ideal solution — next door to a bank and with ample parking.

Computer services were carefully weighed and they chose American Airline's Saber System, fully automated with flexibility, with world-wide access to all airlines, hotels, and cruise lines. They also offer TELEX service. Travel Connections' computers make your reservations, even down to your choice of seat on the plane and your choice of in-flight menu. They are equipped to write your travel package so all you have

to do is deliver your luggage to the airport sidewalk reception area and then board your flight.

#### Staff Of Five

At present, Travel Connections employs five persons. Debbie Pilegi is fulltime manager who has six years experience in the field. The family members are on part-time schedules. All have attended Fugazy International Travel School in Hartford as well as the American Airlines Learning Center in Dallas for a concentrated course in computer training.

Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Thursday; and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Saturday. Sunday hours are always available by appointment.

The very attractive offices offer a positive environment with an attractive lounge-reception area as one enters. Plants and fresh flowers are used to decorate the lounge and the desks.

#### Agawam Residents

Bill & Susan have lived in Agawam for 10 years. In fact, Susan grew up here and is an Agawam High graduate. Bill is serving the town as a member of the Board of Health. Their son, Joe, is a student at Holyoke Community College and will transfer to UMass next year. Richard (Rick) and Elayne have four children, three girls and a son who is a student at Providence College.

Travel Connections International in Feeding Hills can take care of all your travel needs — commercial and/or leisure. The Eulianos are enthusiastic and knowledgeable and eager to be of service.

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### Richard Aldrich Honored For 1985 Sales

Richard E. Aldrich, CLU, of Richard Aldrich Insurance, 10 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, was recently honored at a ceremony at the Park Plaza, Boston, for his outstanding sales achievements for 1985 by Nationwide Insurance.

Aldrich earned the "Challenger Club Award" based on fulltime sales production, including auto, fire, life, mutual funds, and commercial lines of insurance.

Aldrich also received the "Victor Award" for his achievements in sale of life insurance. Agents

gathered from all over New England for this annual event.

Aldrich lives with his wife, Therese, at 13 Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills. He is the president-elect and longtime member of the board of directors of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Agawam Lions Club, an usher at Sacred Heart Church, and a sponsor of the Agawam Athletic Association as well as Sacred Heart Athletic Association.

Townsfolk count on us for news of local business...



ANN LIDDELL

### Ann Liddell Joins Ingalls Design Group

Ingalls Design Group, a division of Boston ad agency Ingalls Associates, has appointed Ann Liddell, daughter of Rosalie Talbot of Agawam and Charles Liddell of West Springfield, to the post of designer.

As a new member of Ingalls Design Group, Miss Liddell will work on a variety of projects and interact with several clients, including Controlonics, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Lowell Shoe.

Prior to joining Ingalls, she served as art director/designer at Fentin Advertising and as a graphic designer with Multi-Art Associates, both located in Springfield.

Miss Liddell is the 1985 recipient of the Print Regional Design Annual Award and has won several other Western Massachusetts Ad Club Awards.

Additionally, she is a member of the American Institute of Graphic Artists and the National Association of Female Executives.

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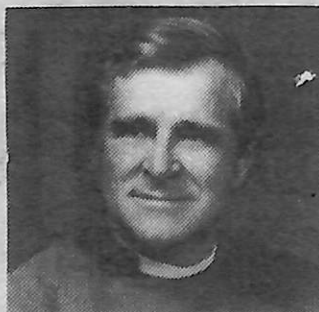
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# Schlaffers Hold Open House For New F.H. Office

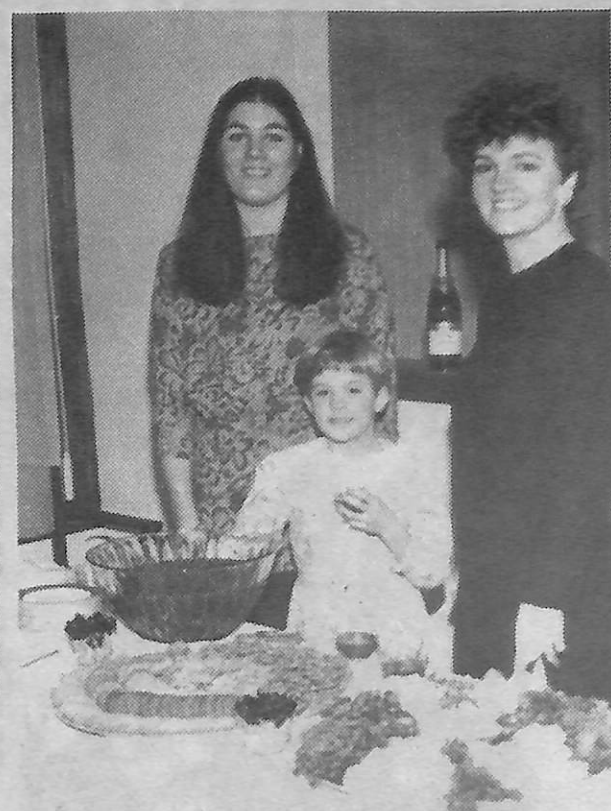


DR. JEFFERY SCHLAFFER (left) is the new chiropractor in Feeding Hills Center and is affiliated with Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, Main Street, Agawam. Also pictured at a Sunday open house are Dr. Joseph & Dr. Katherine Schlaffer, and their daughter, Erica.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DR. JOSEPH SCHLAFFER shows X-Ray machine to Leonard Chaisson during an open house of the new Feeding Hills office of Schlaffer Chiropractic, located in the Community Shops. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DOREENE CAROLEO enjoys punch and goodies with Erica Schlaffer, daughter of Dr. Katherine Schlaffer (right), at the open house of the Schlaffers new Feeding Hills office.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## WestMass Home Show Again A Must Go-See

For the first time in memory anywhere in the country, four full-size model homes will be on display at a trade show — and the best part is that this particular show will be the 1986 Western Massachusetts Home Show which opened for the 33rd consecutive year Tuesday, March 18th.

The show will take place on the Big E grounds in West Springfield, with 215 exhibitors displaying 457 booths inside the huge Better Living Center. The four model homes will be shown just outside the BLC, practically forming a neighborhood of their own.

The record fourth model home is indeed special and not just because it is the fourth. Moreover, because it is a custom built energy efficient 25'52' Dorchester-style ranch home, featuring cathedral ceilings, a family room, 1 3/4 baths, oak cabinets and vinyl siding.

Like the other three model homes that will be on

display, the Dorchester will also be completely furnished. Though not scheduled for future display after the show, the Dorchester is available for future display or sale, according to the distributors.

In fact, the distributors of the Dorchester are local business people. Elbert A. Lynde is the president of River Valley Enterprises of Bernardston, Massachusetts, and he, along with Douglas N. Hunt, who is the chief engineer and builder representing River Valley Enterprises, are this area's distributor for Design Homes, Inc., of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

The public has six days to view the Dorchester as well as the other three beautiful model homes, and all of the interesting and informative exhibits inside the Better Living Center before the Home Show concludes on Sunday, March 23rd.

## Riverside Park Offers Corporate Discount Package

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There are other advantages to the "Corporate Discount Program." The members are not required to visit the park as a group. They may bring a friend or even the whole family. The discount also enables everyone to take advantage of all the rides, shows, and attractions all day at the discounted price.

There is no deadline to order the tickets. You can call anytime you are ready.

But hurry, Riverside Park opens Saturday, March 29th, and you won't want to miss one minute of fun! Come and get the best of Riverside. It's worth the trip

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## Heritage Hall News, Activities, Notes

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

#### Heritage Hall Residents Become History Buffs

Did you know that Agawam, Massachusetts, was the first place that gin was bottled before prohibition? Residents of Heritage Hall were amazed at how many facts they didn't know about their home when they watched the film, *The History of Agawam*. The film, both informative and entertaining, is mostly composed of still pictures, and excellent pencil sketches. The narration is concise, fast moving, and absorbing.

The "History of Agawam" is both colorful and descriptive. Incidents, such as the difficulties encountered when crossing the Connecticut River to get to church, were just one of the many interesting aspects of their town.

The film presented many historical events and facts such as: the deep roots of original Agawam families, and the flight of the "Spirit of St. Louis" which inspired the founding of Agawam.

Another fact that residents found interesting was that one of the Agawam residents was noted for being the first person to drive a "hack" (horse drawn cab). Not only was he the first person to drive the hack, but he was also the first person to meet the first train to arrive in Springfield from Boston.

Getting to know the history of Agawam allowed the residents to look at their place of residence from a different perspective.

#### This Is Your Life!

"Roots" has a new meaning for Heritage Hall residents as they become involved in the new program, "Life History Review." This program allows the residents to trace, through memory, their family and life tree. On this tree they list their place of origin, education, employment, family ties, and special interests. The tip of the tree is reserved for those people who have had a special impact on their lives.

The program has grown far beyond original expectations. It not only serves as a recorder of facts, but it has enabled residents to open the door to new friendships.

#### "The Sounds Of Nature"

The "Sounds of Nature" made their debut March 6th at Heritage Hall. The program, conducted by Beth Kellogg, focused on birds.

Various aspects ranging from equipment used in birdwatching to discussing the various species of birds were discussed. Residents were amazed to find out that Hampden and Hampshire counties had 220 different species. The program concluded with a taped recording of various bird songs.

#### "The First 20 Minutes Are Crucial"

An Agawam dentist, Dr. Dennison, gave a seminar, Friday, March 14th, on the importance of proper dental care.

Topics of discussion included the importance of proper dental flossing and brushing, how to care for your dentures, and the early warning signs of various dental diseases.

Dr. Dennison pointed out that regular dental check-ups and dental care could prevent costly and unnecessary dental problems. He concluded the seminar by stating that the first 20 minutes after eating were the most crucial because it is when the most damage is done. The residents left with their arms full of dental paraphernalia.

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"

Decorations of shamrocks and leprechauns provided a suitable background as residents took part in a traditional St. Patrick's Day luncheon of corn beef and cabbage. The delectable meal was topped with a delicious lime bavarian pie for dessert.

The meal was complimented by Irish melodies and the clapping of hands to music provided by Vera Conway.

The Heritage Hall residents' cooking class provided the home-made Irish soda bread and green shamrock cookies.

#### RESIDENT OF THE WEEK: Anne Campbell

The oldest of four children, Anne Campbell was born at home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 15th, 1916. When asked about one of the greatest influences in her life, Anne replied, "I came from a loving family."

Her father, Jasper Adams Campbell, studied law at Harvard and later went on to found Campbell Starring, a Stock Market Consulting firm. Her mother, Rachael Holbrook Campbell, stayed home to raise her and three other siblings.

Her family was so close that when Anne's father served in World War I, her mother sent him monthly pictures of the children so he would feel as if he was watching them grow up.

Anne attended Sea Pines and McDuffy's School for Girls until she was struck with pneumonia at the age of 17. After that, Anne was tutored at home. Anne had always loved literature and often pursued this love beyond the classroom. Early in life, Anne began to record her feelings and observations.

One author that greatly inspired her was Agnes Sligh Turnbull, author of *The Bishops Mantle* and the *Rolling Years*. When asked why she chose Turnbull, Anne said, "She talked about God and God has always been first in my life."

At 39, Anne began writing narrative prose and religious poetry. Most of her subject matter is taken from personal experiences and current events.

The following poem, *One Who Waited*, was written on the occasion of Leonard Warren's death. Leonard Warren was an opera star who died at the New York



**HERITAGE HALL "Resident of the Week," Anne Campbell, wrote the poem below.**

Metropolitan Opera House in 1956 in the performance of "La Fort Ya Del Destino," which means, "The Force of Destiny."

*For Leonard... "One Who Waited"*

*One who waited,  
in the shadows,  
Keeping watch above His own,  
In the pageantry of story,  
in the beauty of the voice,  
One who waited,  
One who listened,  
Listened till the last note wafted, claimed him for His  
met His  
loved one, very own, in the wings.  
Clasped him closely.  
To His bosom,  
set him free, from mortal pain.  
Set him free,  
To walk forever  
in the beauty  
of His world.*

Anne is very active and has recently become involved in Heritage Hall's new "Creative Writing" course. She says she enjoys writing because everything she writes is like "giving birth." "When you give birth to a child," she said smiling, "you love it and you want it to be beautiful. I want my poems to affect people that way. If they can help someone or give them a moment's peace, I'm satisfied."



**CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S Day at Heritage Hall Nursing Home were residents Katherine Geoffrion and Winnie Coyne, being escorted by Karen Wilson, recreation therapist, and Nancy Edwards, volunteer.**

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Bay Path Alumni Plan New York City Bus Trip

The Springfield Chapter of the Bay Path Junior College Alumni Association is sponsoring a one-day bus trip to New York City, Saturday, April 12th. Buses will leave the Bay Path campus at 8:00 a.m., arriving at Rockefeller Center by mid-morning, and departing the city at 7:00 p.m.

Travelers will have the option of debarking at Rockefeller Center to spend the entire day as they please, or continuing on to the South Street Seaport. Those who choose to visit this renovated area, featuring a museum, audiovisual show, old clipper ships, street artists, specialty shops, and restaurants, will return to Rockefeller Center at 1:45 p.m.

Guests are welcome to join alumni for this scholarship benefit event, and reservations should be made with Bay Path's Alumni Office by April 2nd.

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## News, Activities At The Agawam Senior Ctr.

**Storrowton-Stage West, Wednesday, April 2nd.** There are a few openings left for this easy, one-day trip. Stage West is Springfield's live professional theater, now located in its fine new downtown quarters. The show, *U.S.A.*, is set in the years just before the Great Depression. Included is full luncheon at Storrowton Tavern with choice of yankee pot roast or Boston scrod. The cost is \$22 per person. Pickup is at 10:30 a.m. at Country View and 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

**Water Exercise Class** starts March 31st for eight weeks, Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the junior high pool. Class size is limited. Cost for the course is \$15. This pays for the instructor and lifeguard. The fee is payable at time of registration. Sign-up at the Ticket Booth.

**Recipe Contest For Seniors.** Applications for this regional contest with rules and full information are available at the ticket booth. Deadline for entering your recipe is Thursday, March 27th. The "Bake-Off" for the successful entrants will be April 24th at Wilbraham Senior Center.

Food will be prepared at home and taken to the Wilbraham Center for judging. There are facilities for heating and/or cooling your food. There will be prizes. Regional winners in each category will be invited to enter the state-wide "Bake-Off" in Worcester in June.

**"Keep Moving,"** Governor Michael Dukakis' walking program, is having a regional training session for walking club leaders, April 8th, at 9:30 a.m., in Holyoke. This is open to residents 50 years and over.

If you wish to register for this training session April 8th, leave your name at the Senior Center ticket booth or call Sandra Smith, activities director, 786-0400, extension 242.

**12:30 Program, Tuesday, March 25th.** Beginning March 25th, members of the Drama Club's "Silver Star Players" will be doing short presentations at the Agawam Senior Center at 12:30 p.m., following lunch. The first such event will feature poetry reading by Ted Therrien and Theresa Andry with an original reading. Come and enjoy these presentations by Agawam's talented seniors.

**12:30 Program, Thursday, March 27th.** "Fats" Daniels and his band will play for entertainment and dancing following lunch. His programs are always a pleasant way to spend an hour.

**Stay-Well Clinic.** Beginning April 7th at the center, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., "Stay Well" Clinics will be held regularly on the first and third Mondays each month. Agawam residents, 60 and over, will have the opportunity to see a nurse for blood pressure screening, medical counseling, and evaluation. There will be no charge for these services. Call Ginny Hennessey, 786-0400, extension 242, for your comments and input on this new service.

**Mystic Seaport.** Reservations now open at the ticket booth for this trip, Thursday, May 22nd, which will start with a reception at Olde Mystic Village Meeting House with Danish and coffee. There will be time to enjoy the village's quaint shops and attractions (until noon).

### Mended Hearts Slate Meeting For April 2nd In Springfield

On Wednesday, April 2nd, the Mended Hearts, Chapter 37 of Greater Springfield will hold its meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the Elks Lodge 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Anyone interested in pre- or post-cardiac surgery is welcome to attend. Events for the evening will include District Manager David Clini - AM CARE Health Services, guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

The bus will transport the group for a full luncheon at the Flood Tide Restaurant. After lunch, a tour of the Marinelife Aquarium will include a show. The trip, arranged by Senior Center Activities Director Sandra Smith, will cost \$30 (everything included). Bus pickup at Country View is at 7:30 a.m., and at the center, 7:45 a.m. Approximate return time will be 7:00 p.m.

**Mark Your Calendar - Monday, April 28th,** at 7:30 p.m., at the Senior Center. Members of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority will present its annual program for all Agawam seniors. This year, the program will be "Fashions" and the sorority's famous refreshments will follow. This program is free. It is always an enjoyable evening.

**Food Commodity Re-Registration for 1986** will be held at the Senior Center in mid-April. Watch for dates and time. Seniors will be offered the option of pick-up at either the Senior Center or Sacred Heart Church. This should ease the parking situation at the center on food distribution days.

## Phobia Support Group Forming In Agawam

If you are one of the millions who avoid going places (shopping, driving, etc.) due to the fear of high anxiety, racing heart, shaking, trembling, dizziness, sweating, etc., you may be suffering from panic attacks and agoraphobia!

Two new self-help support groups are now forming in the Agawam and Amherst areas. Meetings are scheduled to begin in Agawam, Wednesday, April 2nd, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, Main Street.

Dr. Walter Mitchell, psychologist and professional advisor for the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Phobia Society of America, is scheduled to speak at the opening meetings. Dr. Mitchell is in private practice in Springfield and specializes in high anxiety and agoraphobia.

All who suffer from the crippling effects of this illness are encouraged to come, bring a friend, and learn how they can cope more effectively with this problem.

More information on these and support groups in other areas may be obtained by contacting the Info-Line, 732-0801, at the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Phobia Society of America, 63 Mulberry Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

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## What has Blue Cross and Blue Shield done for State Retirees?

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Applications are now being accepted, so plan to attend our next open house.

Tuesday, March 25  
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## Agawam Unico Donates To Work Opportunity Center, Inc.

Agawam Unico of Unico National presented a \$500 check to Robert L. MacDonald, executive director of "Work Opportunity Center, Inc.," in West Springfield. Making the presentation were Agawam Unico Mental Health Chairmen Paul V. Ferrarini Sr. and Ben Deliso.

The money will be used to purchase a much needed second van.

The "Work Opportunity Center, Inc." is a private non-profit corporation.

The van's first purpose is to provide a diversified occupational training to handicapped persons in neighboring communities.

After training, the van's second purpose is to provide a workplace in local businesses for handicapped persons to earn a weekly paycheck.

## LOOKING BACKWARD...

by Edith LaFrancis  
Town Historian

### CALENDAR CONFUSION

In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar reformed the calendar so as to make the year 365 days and six hours in duration (actually 11 minutes, 14 seconds too long).

This Julian calendar was in general use until 1582. At that time, Pope Gregory XIII modified the Julian calendar by suppressing 10 days and making changes in the leap-year system. This more accurate timetable was immediately accepted by the Catholic countries of the world but not by the Protestants.

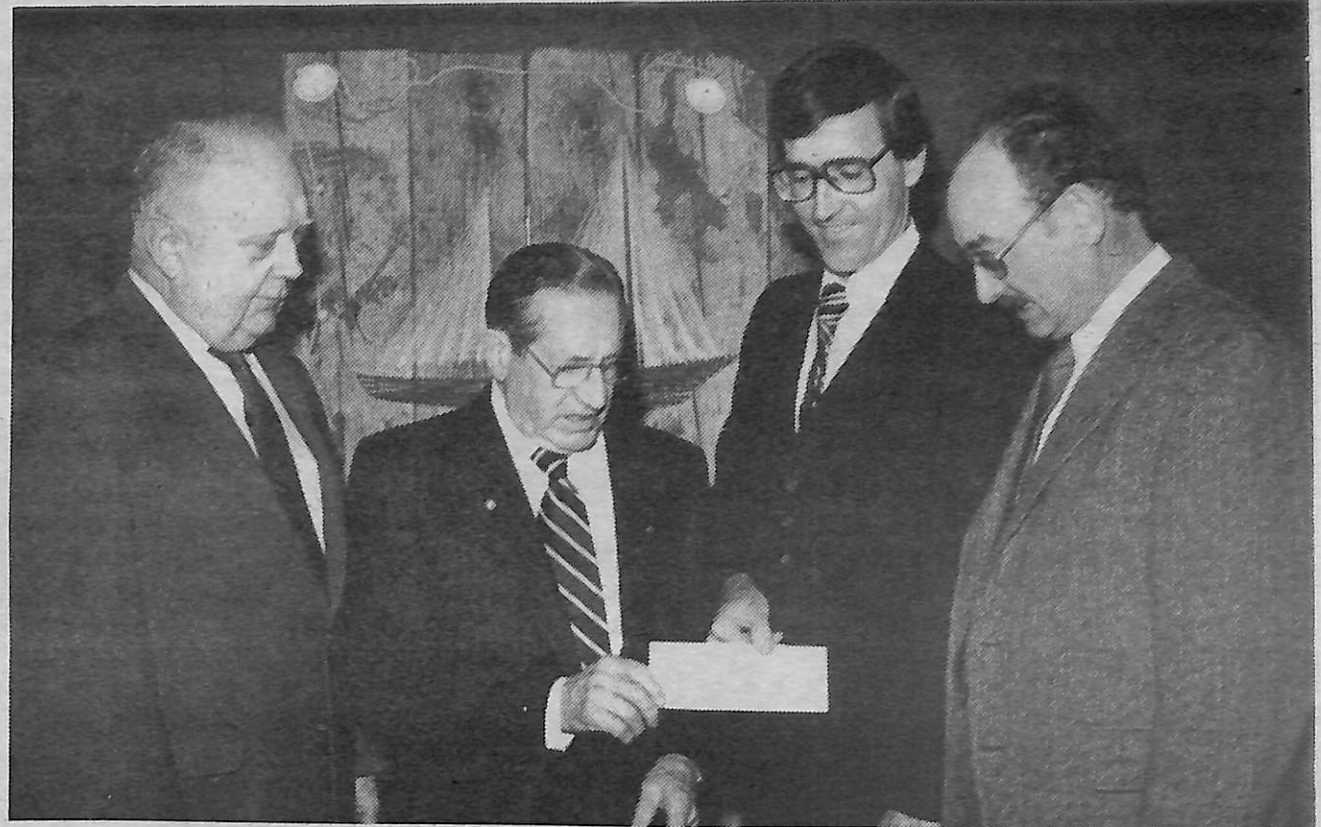
Therefore, both systems were in use at the same time, and by 1752 they differed by 11 days. September 22nd Gregorian, would be the same as September 11th, Julian.

Besides that, the year began at different times. In the Julian system, the year began on March 25th, while the Gregorian year began on January 1st. Dates between were written thus: February 20th, 1707/8. This system of dating can be found on many old Agawam town documents.

In 1752, England accepted the Gregorian calendar. In Massachusetts Bay Colony, an act of the General Court on January 22nd, 1752/3 made the Gregorian calendar official.

"Ordered that the Act of Parliament passed in the 24th year of his present Magesties reign Intitled An Act for Regulating the Commencement of the Year, and for Correcting the Calendar now in use: be printed, and bound up with the Laws of this Province, for the better Information of the Inhabitants thereof, and that it be recorded in the Secretary's office in the Book of Laws."

NOTE: Town Historian Edith LaFrancis sent in this piece to expand on the article published last week in this space on the Gregorian calendar.



**AGAWAM UNICO** presented a check for \$500 to the **Work Opportunity Center, Inc.**, of West Springfield. Taking-part in the check presentation were, from left - **Joseph Rolak**, vice-president of WOC; **Paul Ferrarini**, Agawam UNICO; **Robert MacDonald**, executive director of WOC; and **Ben Deliso**, Agawam UNICO. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## St. John's Church Celebrating Holy Week

Like Christians around the world, Agawam's Catholic community of St. John's Church is making last minute preparations for the traditional celebrations of Holy Week.

All of the Easter Weekend Masses will be special, but during the two-hour, Easter Vigil Mass Holy Saturday evening, Saturday, March 29th, nine adults will be formally initiated into the church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

For these "catechumens" (from early church tradition referring to a candidate for initiation and meaning "one under instruction"), this event at the Vigil Mass is an important step on their journey, which included

study, prayer, reflection, and liturgical celebrations.

It also signifies the beginning of another aspect of their Christian life - being members of the community of St. John's, as well as the broader church.

"Nothing helps scenery like ham and eggs." Mark Twain

Immediately following the Mass, a gala Easter Vigil Party will be held in the Parish Center where the community will meet and greet one another, and welcome the nine new members.

As a symbol of sharing in Christ's life, those attending are invited to bring a bottle of their favorite wine and perhaps a loaf of bread to share.

Those planning to bring something to share are asked to notify the planning committee by calling 789-1365 or 786-5408, by Tuesday evening, March 25th.

All parishoners are encouraged and invited to come, celebrate community, and rejoice in one another!

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## Holy Week Services At St. John's Church

**PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 23rd, 11:45 a.m.**

The Solemn Blessing of the Palms will take place in the Parish Center, followed by a procession to the church and Mass commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

**MONDAY - MARCH 24th**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Mass.  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer and Parish Mission with Bishop O'Neil.

**TUESDAY - MARCH 25th**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Mass.  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer and Parish Mission with Bishop O'Neil. Confessions will be celebrated following the Bishop's Mission presentation.

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 26th**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Mass.  
9:30 a.m. - Confessions will be celebrated.  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer and Parish Mission with Bishop O'Neil.

**HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 27th**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer.  
7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Bishop O'Neil begins the celebration of the Triduum by calling us to remember the Lord's command to serve one another expressed in the washing of the feet.

Following the celebration of the institution of the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is moved in solemn procession to the Parish Center where we are invited to keep watch with the Lord until midnight.

12:00 a.m. - Night Prayer brings to a close the night watch with the Lord.

**GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 28th**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer.  
3:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross.  
7:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion in the reading of the Gospel account, the veneration of the Cross, and reception of Holy Communion. Bishop O'Neil will lead us in this service.

**HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 29th**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer.  
10:00 a.m. - Blessing of Food and Easter baskets of children in the Parish Center.

7:00 p.m. - The Easter Vigil will be presided over by Bishop O'Neil during which nine adults will be initiated into the Church. The entire community is asked to bring small bells to ring during the Gloria. A gala reception will be held following the Vigil.

**EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 30th**

11:45 a.m. - Solemn Mass of Easter will be presided over by Bishop O'Neil during which children will be baptized.

## FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks  
Agawam Fire Chief

### Caution...Highly Flammable

Anyone can be seriously injured by carelessly using flammable liquids, such as gasoline. Most such accidents involve boys and men ages 9 to 35. Though some are due to curiosity, the Agawam Fire Department says that most accidents are because children and adults lack knowledge of the explosive power of flammable liquids and vapors. One gallon of gasoline is equal to ten (10) sticks of dynamite. Caution and care is extremely important.

Typically, accidents happen when gasoline is used to clean or start a fire; mowers are refueled while hot; lighter fluid is sprayed on an already burning barbecue; children play with matches and gasoline; paint thinner is stored in a jar and used in enclosed spaces; gasoline is kept in a jar rather than an approved metal container; and glue, hairspray and nail polish are used near heat or cigarettes.

When flammable liquids do ignite, it is explosive, resulting in serious injuries. Survivors may have permanent scars. Remember to treat gasoline like dynamite:

- Don't store in basements or enclosed areas where pilot lights or other heat sources might ignite it.
- Don't smoke while refueling your car or any gas powered appliance.
- Keep gasoline in a UL (Underwriters Laboratories) or FM (Factory Mutual) approved container with a tight-fitting lid.
- Store in a well ventilated area. Never bring gasoline into the house.
- Don't siphon gas by using your mouth. Use a hand-operated pump.
- Keep your gas can tightly sealed and out of the reach of children.
- Don't use gasoline to clean anything. It is a fuel, not a cleaner.
- Never refuel power equipment when engines are hot or running.
- If gasoline spills on clothes, wash them immediately. Vapors can hang in clothes, even though it appears to dry.
- Gasoline vapors are heavy and travel along the ground. If it finds a heat source, it can explode. Use in a well ventilated area.

## Bishop Stewart Guest Of St. David's Church

Alexander D. Stewart, fifth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and currently executive for administration at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City, will be the guest teacher at a Palm Sunday Weekend Mission to be held at St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The Mission will run from Friday, March 21st to Sunday, March 23rd.

The focus of the Mission will be "Basic Christianity (Loving the Lord, Loving His People)." At 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 21st and again at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 22nd, Bishop Stewart will be leading a hymn sing and "Question Box," followed by a worship service and message.

Friday's message will focus on "Loving the Lord: Who is He?" The message Saturday is entitled, "Loving His People: Who are We?"

The Mission concludes with Sunday worship services at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m., during which time the Bishop will deliver the message, "Loving the Lord: What's He Done for Us?"

In addition, Bishop Stewart will be the guest at a Pot-Luck Supper scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd, at 6:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

Bishop Stewart, a graduate of Harvard University and Union Theological Seminary, served as rector of St. Mark's Church in Riverside, Rhode Island, before becoming Bishop in 1970. He assumed his current position with the National Church in 1984.

The public is cordially invited to attend this Palm Sunday Mission.

Please remember our  
deadline for news and  
advertising copy is  
every Tuesday at  
noontime. Thank-you

## "Merriweds" Prepare For Annual Americana Showcase

The "Merriweds" of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, will present their 19th Annual Americana Showcase of Arts, Crafts, and Collectibles, Saturday, March 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Many fine area craftsmen will feature such items as: wood folk art, needlecraft, silk flowers, stained glass, wooden toys, jewelry, collectibles, attic treasures, and more.

Lunch will be served by the Young Couples Group and home-baked foods will be on sale. Admission is 50 cents and door prizes will be drawn every hour.

The "Merriweds" welcome inquiries from exhibitors who may wish to join the 1986 Americana Showcase. For information, call 786-4363 or 786-8619.

### LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE HEARING TOWN OF AGAWAM

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:

The zoning ordinance passed and approved on December 21, 1972, to take effect on January 1, 1973, entitled "Zoning" is hereby amended by changing from Agricultural to Residence B for land located at Springfield Street in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of land of L. & A. Cincotta 200 feet more or less northerly from Springfield Street; thence running N0°-29'-40"E for a distance of 314.56 feet to a point; thence turning and running S79°-50'-38"E for a distance of 9.00 feet to a point, hence turning and running N5°-58'-50"E for a distance of 643.64 feet to a point; thence turning and running S77°-19'-08"E for a distance of 29.77 feet to a point; thence running S88°-41'-11"E for a distance of 357.09 feet to a point; thence turning and running S0°-24'-20"W for a distance of 897.89 feet to a point; thence turning and running S88°-38'-59"W for a distance of 281.33 feet to a point; thence running S79°-09'-59"W for a distance of 180.28 feet to the point and place of beginning. Said parcel contains 9.025 acres and is shown on a plan entitled "Plan Showing Zone Change Request" Agawam, Massachusetts by D.L. Bean, Inc., dated January 27, 1986.

An ordinance now before the Town Council.  
The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on the above petitioned zone change of Valley View Associates, Inc.

U. Retzler  
Town Council Clerk  
Published: March 20th, 1986

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# Arts

## ART Scores Well With New Production - "Tribute"

by Phil Benoit  
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

If you enjoy plays that manage to bring both a smile to your face and tears to your eyes, then the Agawam Repertory Theatre's (ART) production of *Tribute* is a show that you should not miss.

The two-act play, which ran for the past two Fridays and Saturdays, has two more performances scheduled for this Friday (March 21st) and Saturday (March 22nd). All shows begin at 8:00 p.m., in the Winthrop Room at the Parwick Centre, 450 Memorial Drive, Chicopee (across from the Fairfield Mall).

*Tribute* tells the story of the troubled relationship between a father and his son. The father is Scottie Templeton (Arnold Woods), a 50 year-old man who possesses the disposition of a carefree child.

Throughout his life, Scottie has never taken anything seriously and has spent most of his energies trying to provide a continual good time for himself and for other people.

### Serious-Minded Son

The son is Jud Templeton (Mark Giza), a serious-minded young man who is resentful towards Scottie. Not only is he still bitter over the fact that his parents became divorced when he was a child, but Jud is also far from being proud of his father's overall character. To him, Scottie is a "glorified pimp" who always plays the role of a comedian and uses anyone and everyone around him as a straight man.

Though things have always been strained between them, Scottie and Jud are now faced with a situation that supersedes their lifelong gripes with each other. Scottie has just learned that he has leukemia, and his son realizes that there isn't much time left in order for the two of them to overcome their differences.

*Tribute* is a sentimental play which could become sickeningly sweet in the wrong hands. In fact, the 1980 film version starring Jack Lemon and Robby Benson was the recipient of many scathing reviews and is considered by some critics to be one of the worst pictures in recent years.

However, thanks to the people of ART, *Tribute* manages to come off as a successful and entertaining show. Directed with much skill by Waldo Goodermote, this production makes the most out of the script's humorous qualities and avoids the syrupy pitfalls that were created by the play's author, Bernard Slade.

The plot of *Tribute* is basically a character study of two individuals who represent both sides of the same coin. Scottie and Jud are men who are afraid to make serious commitments in their lives (primarily those regarding members of the opposite sex), but each of them deals with this shortcoming in a different way.

Scottie's lighthearted approach to everyone and everything (including his illness) enables him to avoid the serious aspects of any given situations, and Jud's introverted and rather shy personality forms a barrier that keeps other people from getting to truly know him.

As the story progresses, we come to learn that it is these characters' foibles which serve as one of the

main reasons for their argumentative relationship. Scottie and Jud see the flaws in each other's nature and — because they do indeed love each other — get into trouble whenever they point out these weaknesses.

Another important feature of *Tribute* is its dramatic structure. While most of the action takes place three months ago, these flashbacks are punctuated by present-day moments in which Scottie's friends come onstage and pay homage to him in an evening gala that's been arranged by Jud in order to celebrate his father's 51st birthday.

Besides being thoroughly heartwarming, these present-day moments at the gala serve as a means of audience participation as they make ART's theatergoers part of the testimonial that's being given in Scottie's honor.

The cast of *Tribute* is made up of seven players, and they deliver solid and vibrant performances that result in this show being the most consistently well-acted ART production in the past couple of years.

Portraying characters who have much bearing on the lives of Scottie and Jud are Don Yankee as Scottie's closest friend and employer; Alyce Jones Cunningham as Scottie's gruff yet caring physician; Mary Ann Gatti as a gorgeous model who is fond of Jud as well as his father; Donna Allard as Scottie's amicable ex-wife; and Sandy Averill as a sassy prostitute who's been a long-time friend of Scottie's.

In the role of Jud, Giza has the difficult task of conveying an often sour persona without turning his character into a dislikable or unsympathetic individual. Not only does he manage to accomplish this, but the actor also does a good job of depicting the insecurity which has often hindered Jud.

As Scottie, Woods gives the best performance in the play. He is superb in his portrayal of the clownish charm which his role requires, but he is equally adept when he occasionally counterpoints this comical quality with a deep-seated poignancy which suggests that Scottie is not as superficial as his son initially thinks he is.

Although *Tribute* does deal with the topic of leukemia, it is by no means a depressing play that leaves you with a downbeat feeling. Instead, it is a life-affirming story that is full of both humor and warmth and will make you think about your own relationships with the members of your family.

**\*PUBLISHER'S NOTE:**  
Tickets for *Tribute* are \$5 each and can be reserved in advance by calling 739-2111.



MARK GIZA and MARY ANN GATTI in a scene from the Agawam Repertory Theatre (ART) production of Bernard Slade's *Tribute*. The two-act play has its final two performances, Friday, March 21st, and Saturday, March 22nd.

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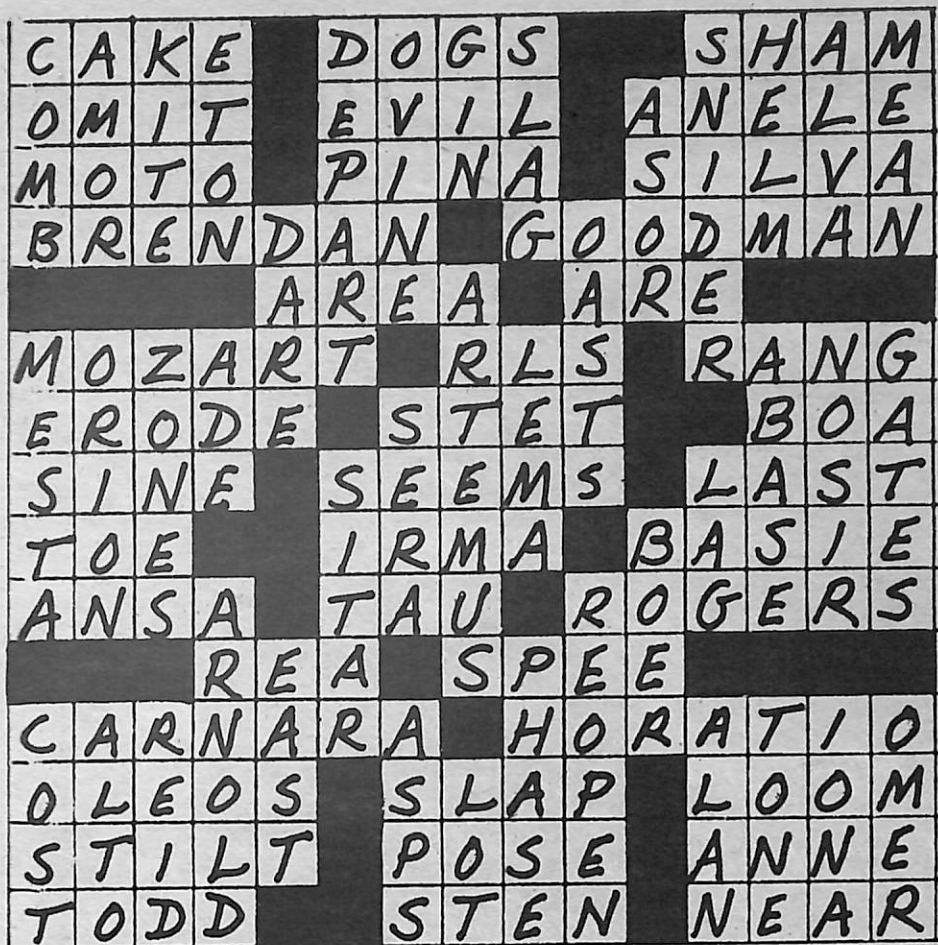
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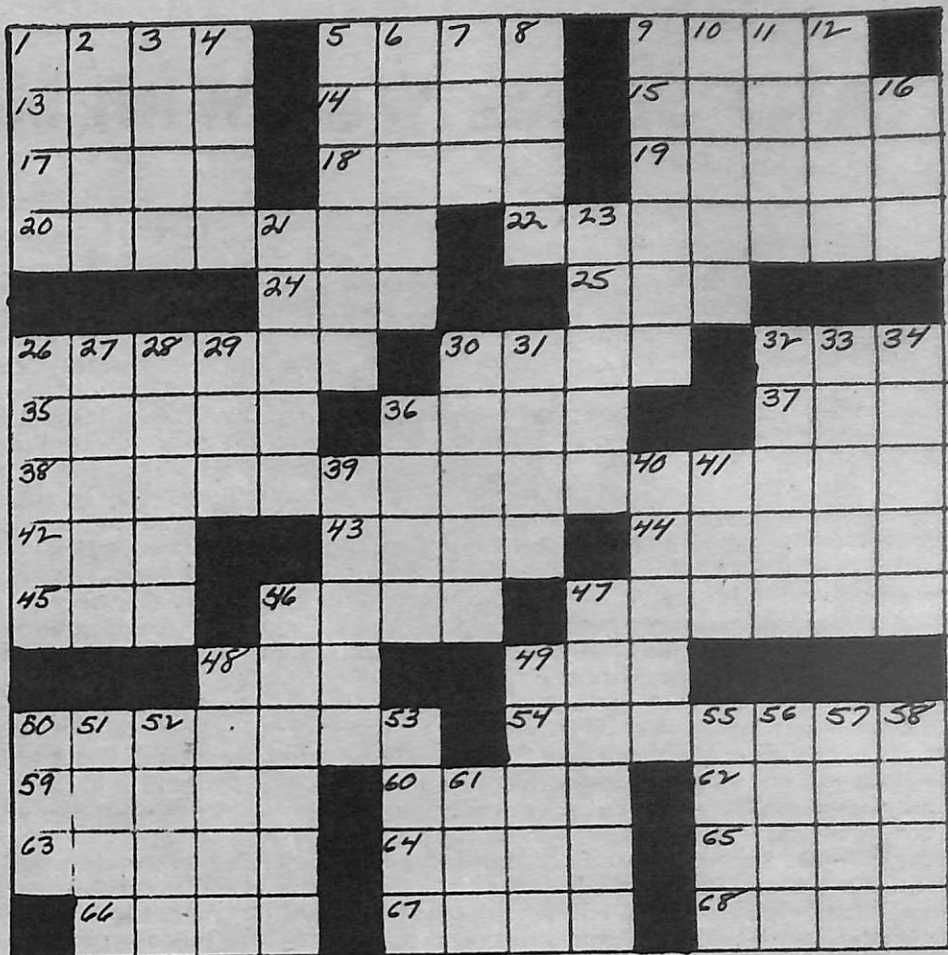
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Agawam Artist Exhibits At Wilbraham-Monson Academy

The April exhibit at Wilbraham & Monson Academy will feature Agawam artist Michele LaPalme. Miss LaPalme's paintings and drawings have won many awards throughout Western Massachusetts and are in the private collections of various area corporations.

A Mt. Holyoke College and Hartford Art School graduate, Miss LaPalme has taught art in the Springfield and South Hadley school systems. The emphasis of much of her work is an emotional reaction to landscape.

According to Miss LaPalme, "I try to emphasize horizontal bands of color that seem to fuse one with the other. I love color because of its brilliancy and its nature of surprise. I combine memory, observation, and imagination on canvas to interpret nature."

The public is invited to the opening reception in the Chamberlin Art Gallery at the academy, located on Main Street in Wilbraham, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, April 6th. Complimentary refreshments will be served and admission is also free of charge. The exhibit will continue through May 9th.

Prints By Pat Conant On Display At StageWest

An exhibition of prints by Pat Conant will be held at Stage West, One Columbus Center, Springfield, from March 19th to April 18th. Many of the artist's intaglio and lithographic prints will be shown in the Stage West lobby exhibition area.

A printmaker, muralist, and painter, her work has been exhibited locally and nationally for 20 years. Her prints combine photo-intaglio or photo-lithographic techniques together with traditional printmaking techniques.

The use of old photographic images with a distinctive Americana imagery are merged and with original photographs of landscapes and old houses taken by the artist. These collected images are then exposed to printmaking plates for an initial design, then traditional printmaking techniques are employed in finishing the plate design. The artist hand prints each intaglio or lithographic print in a limited edition series.

Mrs. Conant's works are in the collection of the Decordova Museum, the New York Public Library Print Collection, and the Library of Congress. She has completed murals for the Charles A. Gallagher Terminal in Lowell, Massachusetts, and the Westfield District Courthouse. Her work has been in many of the Springfield Art League National Exhibitions, the Boston Printmakers Exhibitions, the Wenniger Gallery in Boston and Rockport, the Newport Art Museum, the Miami International Print Exhibition, and the Flax Gallery in New York.

A Professor of Art at Westfield State College, she teaches printmaking and graphic design at the college.

ACROSS

- 1. Sketched
- 5. Back talk
- 9. Complain
- 13. Outstanding review
- 14. Oak
- 15. Remote
- 17. Slightly opened
- 18. Bring up
- 19. Meat dish
- 20. Success at the plate
- 22. Mix's up
- 24. Friend of Tarzan
- 25. Term of Endearment
- 26. Tell
- 30. Gov. agent
- 32. Baden-Baden
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- 36. Snare
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- 2. Indian prince
- 3. Gabor and Little
- 4. "You - there"
- 5. On a polecats back
- 6. Mountain crest
- 7. "From - to shining..."
- 8. Anti-toxins
- 9. Kit
- 10. "Crazy as..."
- 11. Jungle sound
- 12. Aviator Wiley
- 16. Measurements - abbr.
- 21. Detests
- 23. Form
- 26. Carried on in anger
- 27. Roman magistrate
- 28. Tennis star Rod
- 29. Dined
- 30. Lag behind

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- 32. Portion
- 33. Turns ashen
- 34. Thing of value
- 36. "Elmers..."
- 39. Rancee
- 40. Sleeping activity
- 41. Sup
- 46. Rang-out
- 47. "Wheeler..."
- 48. Political roster
- 49. copy via tissue
- 50. Mr. Holiday
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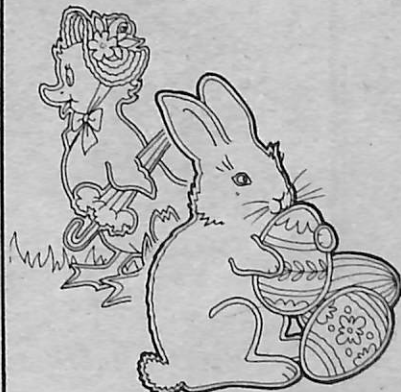


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## Weight Watchers Can Enjoy Fine Easter Feast Too!

Take a tip from Solon, one of the seven wise men of ancient Greece for this year's Easter festivities. Solon lived by the maxim, "nothing in excess." Weight Watchers' "Quick Start Plus Holiday Menu" provides Greek fare for the holiday season.

Easter dinner, as suggested by Weight Watchers, starts with a light touch. Avgolemono, a chicken broth, one of the two types of soups traditionally served in the Greek isles, gains subtle character with the addition of rice, eggs, and lemon.

A tangy start followed by a roast leg of lamb is complimented with vegetable choices. No need to deprive yourself of sweets or ban satisfying varieties of foods when you follow the Quick Start Plus food plan. The Easter menu includes dessert, honey cookies, and a glass of wine.

"Holiday dinners are not self-defeating for Weight Watchers members," says Ron Labell, director of Weight Watchers in Connecticut, Western Massachusetts, Albany, and the Mid-Hudson area.

"Weight Watchers members learn how to face a cornucopia of food at parties and holiday dinners and still experience weight-loss success," he said.

The recipes follows:

### Avgolemono (Greek Lemon Soup)

Makes 4 servings, each providing: 1/8 Vegetable Exchange; 45 calories Optional Exchange.

**2 tablespoons each chopped scallion (green onion) and finely chopped carrot**

**1 garlic clove, minced**

**1 quart water**

**1 ounce uncooked regular long-grain rice**

**3 packets instant chicken broth and seasoning mix**

**1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley**

**1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh dill**

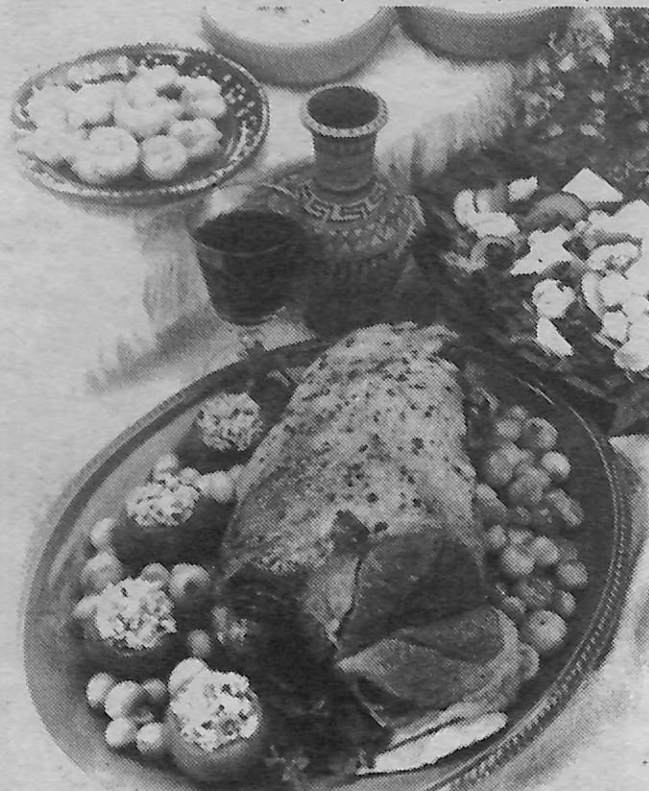
**Dash pepper**

**1 egg**

**1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice**

**Garnish: fresh dill sprigs**

Spray 2-quart saucepan with nonstick cooking spray and heat over medium heat; add scallion, carrot, and



garlic and cook, stirring frequently, until vegetables are softened, 1 to 2 minutes. Add remaining ingredients except egg and lemon juice; reduce heat to low, cover and cook until rice is tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

In small bowl, using wire whisk, beat together egg and lemon juice; adding 1/4 cup hot broth at a time, stir in 1/2 cup broth. Slowly pour egg mixture into remaining

broth mixture, stirring rapidly to prevent lumping; cook, stirring constantly, until heated through, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve garnished with dill.

### Marinated Roast Leg of Lamb

Each 4-ounce serving provides: 4 Protein Exchanges

**1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley**

**4 garlic cloves, chopped**

**1 teaspoon oregano leaves**

**1/4 teaspoon grated lemon peel**

**1 tablespoon each lemon juice and red wine vinegar**

**7 to 8 pound leg of lamb**

**1/4 cup dry vermouth**

**2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint**

**Garnish: fresh sprigs of mint**

Using a mortar and pestle, combine parsley, garlic, oregano, and lemon peel, mashing to combine; add lemon juice and vinegar and continue mashing until mixture forms a thin paste. Using point of paring knife, cut slits all over lamb, about 1/2 inch deep, and fill with paste; spread any remaining paste over lamb. Place lamb in large stainless steel or glass pan or bowl, add vermouth, and turn lamb to coat. Cover with plastic wrap and let marinate in refrigerator overnight.

Preheat oven to 450° F. Transfer lamb to rack in roasting pan, discarding marinade; sprinkle with chopped mint. Insert meat thermometer in center of largest muscle, not touching bone. Roast for 15 to 20 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350° F. and continue to roast until lamb is done to taste. Thermometer should register 140° F. for rare (about 10 minutes per pound); 150° F. for medium (12 to 15 minutes per pound); and 160° F. for well done (about 20 minutes per pound). Trim lamb of visible fat; serve 4 ounces sliced lamb per serving, garnished with mint sprigs.

Note: To freeze leftover lamb, divide sliced meat into 4-ounce servings and transfer each serving to a small freezer container; label containers with the date and contents and freeze for future use. Use within 2 to 3 months.

## Applications Available For Junior Women's Arts Festival

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is accepting applications from artists and craftspeople who wish to participate in the Annual Arts and Crafts Festival, Saturday, June 7th, and Sunday, June 8th, on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Craftspeople interested in reserving a space for the show may contact Mary Cincotta, 786-2773, or Kathy Wilson, 786-2067.

## Sweet Adelines To Hold Membership Nights

The Pioneer Valley Chapter Sweet Adelines will hold three membership nights, March 25th, April 1st, and

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**KALEIDOSCOPE KITES** gaily decorate the classroom tree of second grade students of Laura Lewis at James Clark School. Proudly displaying their artwork are, from left - Matthew Skowron, Bernadette Williams, Theodore Gontczaruk, and Kamaris Lessard. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**KITES WERE THE SUBJECT** of a month-long unit which second grade students at James Clark School recently completed. Standing before the showcase displaying their endeavors are, from left - Erica Schlaffer, Gregory Wegrzyn, and Jessica Sassarone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## "Up, Up, and Away" Showcase At Clark School

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

Soaring high on brisk March winds, kites are as much harbingers of spring as robins.

"Up, Up, and Away" is the title of the showcase second grade students of Laura Lewis at James Clark School created as a culmination of a unit which traced the high flying history.

Ms. Lewis points out that before assembling the showcase, her 19 students spent a month researching Chinese and Hawaiian kites.

During their research, the youngsters learned that kites were used 2,400 years ago in China for a variety of reasons, including fishing, carrying people, scaring birds away from fields, and sport fighting.

Besides discussing Benjamin Franklin's use of kites to prove his theory of electricity, the second graders discovered that kite holidays are observed in both China and Japan.

She explains that every September, children celebrate "The Feast of Ascending on High" in China. For nine days, the youngsters fly kites after school, releasing them on the ninth day. This action symbolizes the departure of evil, bad luck, and sickness.

In Japan, "Boy's Festival" is celebrated each May 5th. As a means of honoring their sons, families with male children fly fish kites outside their homes. The fish symbolizes the son's journey through the river of life.

Ms. Lewis relates that her class constructed fish kites, stuffed them with paper, and painted them with

colorful designs. When completed, the fish kites were placed on display around the outside of the showcase.

Moreover, the second graders created kaleidoscope kites which they hung from their classroom tree.

In addition to Chinese orange kites, octagon, pine tree, and Hawaiian kites were also displayed in the school's main showcase.

Among the several types of Hawaiian kites the second graders studied were the ulu, gecko, hula, canoe, whale, and kapa.

Ms. Lewis states that as a follow-up to the unit, students will be required to compose original stories about kites. This will enable her to judge just how much material each youngster retained from their research, she tells us.

"Even though we only touched 'the tip of the

iceberg" in our research into kite origins, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the unit. I will definitely repeat the unit with future classes," she says.

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## Agawam High Music Department Awards Banquet



**RECEIVING LETTERS** at the recent Awards Banquet for the Agawam High School Band & Colorguard are, back row, from left - Dave Ziegart, Tom Gionfriddo, Steve Amato, and Joe Bourbonnais. Front row - Melissa Martin, Mike Chausse, and Kelley Bolduc. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**RECEIVING COLOR GUARD AWARDS** were, from left - Nora Lloyd, Barbara Garrity, Becky White, Lisa Ziegart, and Teresa Martone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM HIGH MUSIC DIRECTOR DARCY DAVIS** (center) performs feats of magic with his food much to the amazement of other members of the head table. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**PARENTS JOANNE & TOM TOURVILLE** enjoyed their meal at the band awards banquet at the Polish Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Agawam Schools' Lunch Menus

**Monday, March 24th:** Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich with pickle chips, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled applesauce, milk.

**Tuesday, March 25th:** Oven baked chicken nuggets, mayonnaise and honey, buttered green beans, oven baked potatoes, pudding with whip topping, milk.

**Wednesday, March 26th:** Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, mustard, relish, catsup, buttered niblet corn, applesauce or golden spice bar, milk.

**Thursday, March 27th:** Meatballs in sauce, buttered mixed vegetables, macaroni noodles, buttered Italian bread, blueberry cake with vanilla icing, milk.

**Friday, March 28th:** Good Friday. No School.

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## "Luck Of Irish" Shines At Robinson Park Annual St. Pat's Show

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

The "luck of the Irish" shone down upon Robinson Park School Monday, March 17th, as first grade students of Sylvia Ready presented the fifth Annual St. Patrick's Day program.

Over 100 parents, grandparents, younger brothers and sisters, and fellow schoolmates assembled in the school's cafeteria to witness the 30-minute production which paid homage to the patron saint of Ireland.

Wearing green carnations, top hats, shamrocks, and derbys, the 16-member class performed two early-morning shows featuring Irish songs, recitations, and dances.

Some of the popular renditions included "Harrigan," "A Long Way To Tipperary," "Toorah Looorah Looorah," and "My Wild Irish Rose."

Moreover, shrieks of laughter echoed from audience members as they were asked the musical question, "Who Put The Overalls In Mrs. Murphy's Chowder?"

A special highlight of the program occurred when students playing various musical instruments paraded through the audience to Bing Crosby's rendition of "MacNamara's Band."

The first graders concluded their performance with an Irish blessing followed by the song "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."

Ms. Ready notes that her students spent many hours practicing for the annual performance, which they eagerly anticipate.

She credits her past trip to Ireland for inspiring some of the material included in the production.

School Principal Barbara Skolnick thanked the Room 5 youngsters for their delightful performance and for making St. Patrick's Day such a special occasion at Robinson Park School.



**STIRRING IRISH CHOWDER** on the Robinson Park stage during St. Patrick's Day program are, from left - Adam Seymour, Eric Hannah, and Sarah Plisvia. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**HILARY WHITE, MARIA TIRONE, ERIC BELKNAP, ADAM SEYMOUR, SARA PLISVIA, and JAMES CRAIG** proudly display shamrocks on the Robinson Park stage. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**SPELLING THE IRISH NAME "Harrigan"** are Robinson Park students, from left - William St. Peter, Sara Plisvia, James Arenstram, Lisa Reveruzzi, Adam Seymour, Eric Hannah, Jeffrey Nolin, and Kimberly Koehler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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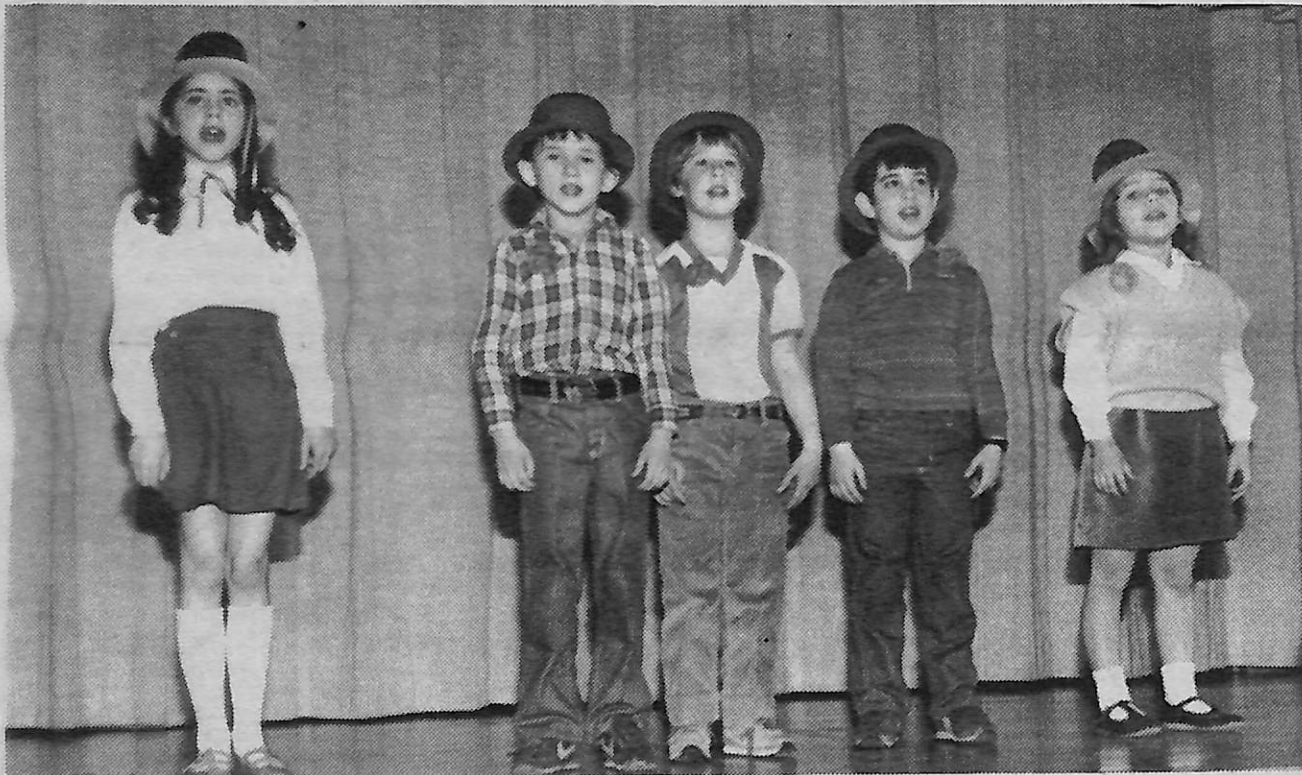
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## Robinson Park's Official Leprechauns



**MORE OF ROBINSON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S "little Irish."** From left, top row - Matthew Maynard, Eric Hannah, Jeffrey Rivers, and Sarah Plisvia. Front row - Lisa Reveruzzi, Jeffrey Nolin, Mark Berthiaume, and William St. Peter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**SINGING IRISH SONGS** at Robinson Park School are, from left - Lisa Reveruzzi, Mark Berthiaume, Jeffrey Nolin, James Arenstam, and Kimberly Koehler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ROBINSON PARK FIRST GRADERS**, back row, from left - James Arenstam, Hillary Wright, Adam Seymour, and Kimberly Koehler, and Maria Tirone, John Molta, James Craig, Eric Belknap (front row) pose for a Jack Devine photo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AHS Jazz Ensemble District Champions

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

The Agawam High School Jazz Ensemble won second place honors in the prestigious Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Jazz Educators Western District Jazz Ensemble Competition, which was held at Holyoke High School, Thursday, Feb. 26th.

The impressive standing qualified the 22-member group to compete in the state finals which took place Saturday, March 15th, at Fitchburg State College.

AHS instrumental music Director Scott Thomson pointed out that the group's second place finish is quite an accomplishment since only five members are returning veterans.

He also notes that Agawam is the smallest of the seven schools which comprise Division 1.

Thomson explains that the jazz ensemble has been working diligently throughout the year preparing for various concerts and competitions.

He reports that five students, Kelley Bolduc, Joe Bourbonnais, Tom Gionfriddo, Alex Kohli, and Jeffrey MacKechnie, were recently selected as members of the Massachusetts Music Educators Western District Jazz Band.

Moreover, of the five, Kelley, Tom, and Jeffrey have been accepted as members of the prestigious All-State Jazz Band.

Thomson notes that although AHS has had students selected to the All-State Band in the past, this is the first year the school has had as many as three representatives.

With competition momentarily behind them, the Jazz Ensemble will perform next at the NCAA men's semi-final Division II basketball play-offs, Friday, March 21st, at the Springfield Civic Center.

From there, the group will journey to the University of New Hampshire, where they will compete in that school's Annual Jazz Festival, Saturday, March 22nd.

Thomson relates that besides performing in the Annual Pops Concert April 10th, the Jazz Ensemble will again be on the road, travelling to Virginia Beach for the Dixie Classic Competition held in May.

He states that this year not only is a busy one for members but also one of growth for the entire group.

"I believe that this year's Jazz Ensemble is comprised of students with a great deal of potential. This is a building year for us. I'm confident that we will continue to improve as we work together as a group," Thomson remarks.

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## Cub Scout Pack 75 Celebrates Blue & Gold

On February 9th, Cub Pack 75 of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, celebrated its Blue And Gold Banquet at the Parish Social Center. One hundred seventy-five cubs, family, and friends attended this event. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Cubmaster Jack Hallbauer.

Many hours of preparation go into this event. Cubs and their den leaders spent long periods of time making centerpieces, place cards, place mats, name tags, nut cups, and napkin rings.

This year, the theme of the festivities was "Birthday Party." In addition to the other items, 100 blue and gold helium balloons decorated the hall.

The banquet began when Hallbauer welcomed everyone. He then introduced Father Camillo Santini, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, and sponsors of Pack and Boy Scout Troop 75. Father Santini officially opened the event with a prayer. Other members of the head table were introduced:

**George Liptak**, who is unit commissioner for Pack 77 and Troop 77. He is also scouting coordinator for Pack 75 and Troop 75. Liptak is also Knox Trail assistant district commissioner and Camp Master for Moses Scout Reservation; **Helen Liptak**, unit commissioner for Pack 75 and Troop 75; **Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hess**, former cub scout and boy scout leaders as well as retired scout commissioners; **Nancy Hallbauer**, Pack 75 committee chairperson, den leader, coach, and Knox Trail Round Table Commissioner; and **Shawn Neillon**, a representative from the Scout Office.

The plentiful meal was a potluck supper provided by the cubs' families. Testimony to its good taste was the exchange of recipes which took place during the meal.

A special taste pleaser was Marcia Scherpa's, leader of Den 2, quiche.

The program following the meal was not only entertaining but educational. Each den, who has, its own yell, added excitement and laughter by testing their unique holler. Each den performed a skit which had a cub scout theme.

Neillon then congratulated the scouts and their families for all their efforts and successes. He talked about his background and education. Neillon then explained his duties and began to show a possible future job for some present scouts.

Edward Pepe, who is a volunteer fireman in Southwick, talked to the cubs and their families about fire safety. "Captain No Burn," who is a toy stuffed in a captain's uniform, and Boy George, who is a doll in bandages, helped him with his performance. Pepe also showed and explained fire equipment.

Cub Scout John Manning from Den 2 displayed a very handsome plaque that he received from the Melha Temple. Manning helped to collect almost \$3000 in cans which was donated to the Hospital for Crippled Children.

Of course, being such an active and enthusiastic pack, the boys received many awards and badges.

**Bobcat Badges:** Chad Boucher, Matthew Radwanski, Jason Ellsworth, Ernie Levesque, Todd Levesque, Adam David, John Scalise, Brian Boulay, William St. Peter, and Christopher Langdon.

**Rank of Bear:** Joshua Brusseau, Joseph Scherpa, Marcel Blais, and John Manning.

**Arrow Points** were given: Joshua Brusseau, 2 silver; Martin Golembiewski, 1 gold, 1 silver; Patrick Brames, 1 silver.

**Webelo Activity Pins:** Raymond Drewnowski, craftsman, artist, and showman; Alan Niemic, naturalist, artist, citizen; Scott Rider, citizen; Jason Rocca, aquanaut, scholar.

**Webelo Badges** were presented to: Raymond Drewnowski, Alan Niemic, Scott Rider, Jason Rocca, Andrew David, David Bleau, Christopher Landgon, and Jeremy Foisey.

A graduation was held for the Webelos who are leaving the pack. These boys symbolically "Crossed the Bridge" to Troop 75. More about these young men next week.

Congratulations from Pack 75 and their families to Sandra Golembiewski, leader of Den 4, who received the "Scouter of the Year Award" from the scout office.

Congratulations also to Webelo and Boy Scout Leader John Brames, who received his "Trainer Award." It's people like Mrs. Golembiewski and Brames that have helped Pack 75 be such a great success.

For any boy interested in joining this active organization, please call 786-2309 for information. Any boy in first grade and up is welcome and surely will gain much for this group.

## Marching Mohawks Plan Annual Paper Drive

Reminder...The Agawam High School Band is holding its Annual Spring Paper Drive at the high school parking lot, April 5th and 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., each day.

Please plan ahead to support your school band's spring competition trip to Virginia Beach.

Clean the house and bring all of your newspapers to the school at that time. Call ahead to get on the pickup list. We will be glad to pick them up.

Call any of the following numbers in advance of the dates: 789-0340, 786-2671, 786-4701, or 786-6106, after 5:30 p.m.

The band thanks all townspeople for their continued support.

## Robinson Park PTO Schedules "Come Back Here..." Meeting On Parent Burnout

On Thursday, March 27th, at 7:30 p.m., the Robinson Park School PTO will hold its next meeting in the school cafeteria.

A short business meeting will include election of parent representatives for next year's School Improvement Council.

Immediately following the election, the PTO will sponsor a very special workshop, "Today's Parent — Balanced Or Burnt Out," presented by Marge Slinski, a Family Life Educator for the Hampden County Extension Service.

The workshop is based on her experience as a teacher and mother of three, as well as on the book, *Parent Burn Out*, by Dr. Joseph Procaccini and Mark W. Kieffer.

Single parents, working parents, full-time parents at home, and parents of toddlers through teens are all susceptible to parent burnout. At least 50 percent of today's parents experience at least early stages of burnout.

The program will help parents become aware of their vulnerability to parent burnout, identify specific stressors which may lead to burnout, and identify strategies for overcoming and preventing burnout.

The workshop is free and the general public is cordially invited to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

## "Come Back Here..."



**BRITTANY LOCKE** of 125 Brien Street, Agawam, age 17-months, has a tough time holding this soccer ball, which to her, appears very large. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam Schools Have Parent Support Group

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

One of few professions where training is not required although responsibility is great, parenting can be both a rewarding and frustrating experience for individuals.

As a means of aiding parents to develop better relationships as well as improve communications with their teenage children, the Agawam Public Schools' Special Services Department is initiating a parent discussion/support group for parents of students in grades six to 12.

Beginning Monday, March 24th, the group will meet each Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria, where they will be led in weekly discussions by home/school adjustment counselor Larry Harbeson and special secondary education chairperson Joan Durand.

### Open To All Parents

Harbeson, who has been involved with a similar group aimed at elementary level parents for the past 8 years, points out that meetings are open to all parents and not only to those who are experiencing a crisis situation.

Among the various topics of discussion will be students' negative behavior, poor school performance, peer pressure, and lack of respect.

He relates that each session, which will be divided into two main parts, will focus on skills necessary for effective parenting. These include listening, developing discipline, reducing parental stress, exploring alternatives, explaining feelings, and living in harmony.

Ms. Durand, who is also a special education resource teacher at Agawam High School, relates that most parents experience some type of problem during their child's teenage years.

Although she and her colleague do not claim to have all the answers to these problems, both believe a support group is the best place for parents not only to share problems but also solutions to them.

"Sometimes parents feel guilty about their child's behavior and seek to blame themselves for problems which arise. Ideally, we hope to help alleviate the guilt, which is non-productive, by providing them with insight as to why their child is acting in a certain manner," she remarks.

### Great Need For Support And Guidance

Ms. Durand states that she is hopeful parents of secondary students will attend the group sessions since she has seen a great need for support and guidance at this level.

Harbeson reports that the weekly group sessions will be conducted until school closes in June and resume again in September.

"Usually, the first two weeks are the most difficult for group participants. Parents need to feel that they can trust us as well as each other. However, once that period is past, exciting things begin to happen," he comments.

Anyone interested in further information concerning the group may telephone 789-1400, extension 442.

## Springfield Symphony In Town Schools

Two major educational cultural resources projects are taking place in seven area schools, including Agawam, during March and April, featuring players from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.

Music teachers and supervisors of area school systems collaborated with the Springfield Orchestra Association to design two programs entitled "Music and Drama" and "Visualizing Music."

The purpose of the programs, which will be presented to grades four to seven, is to expose students to orchestral and classical music, to stimulate interest in music, bolster the curriculum of existing music and language arts classes, and to demonstrate how basic concepts in music can be used in our daily lives. The highly successful programs served a growing number of school systems since 1982.

Actress Suzanne Baxtresser will accompany a Springfield Symphony Orchestra musician into the classrooms of Holyoke, Northampton, and Springfield schools. These "Music and Drama" workshops are designed to take students' experiences and feelings and portray them dramatically and through music. Miss Baxtresser and a small ensemble of Springfield Symphony Orchestra musicians will also perform a special arrangement of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.

The "Visualizing Music" program will feature Katherine Sanderson, visual artist and dancer who will perform with musicians from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in the classrooms of Agawam, Chicopee, Ludlow, and Southwick schools.

During the program, Ms. Sanderson will be working with the musicians to help students to equate the visual qualities of line, space, and intensity with the musical elements of pitch, duration, and intensity.

The Springfield Orchestra Association has been fortunate to receive major funding for the programs from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities since 1982. The Springfield Orchestra Association is also grateful to the local school systems, the Julia B. Buxton Foundation, the Springfield Orchestra Association General Fund, and the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Northampton, without whose support the Cultural Resources program could not take place.

For glossy copies of photos appearing in this edition, please call Jack, 789-0053

## Kindergarten Screening Now Taking Place

The Agawam Public Schools will be conducting registration and screening of children entering kindergarten in September 1986. Children who will be five years-old prior to October 1st, 1986, are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September 1986.

Chapter 766, the Massachusetts Special Education Regulations, requires that each school district provide services for identifying children with special needs. Screening is not a test nor an in-depth evaluation, but an observation of how a child is growing in different areas of development.

A screening team composed of specialists will be observing the children's development in several areas — speech, language, gross and fine motor, vision, hearing, behavior, and physical development. This process will be completed during the kindergarten registration which will be held at the elementary schools.

A Parent Information Night will be held Monday, March 24th, at Robinson Park School at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the screening procedure. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting and bring their questions with them.

Parent who have not already contacted their neighborhood school should do so immediately. Children will be screened by appointment only.

Screening dates are as follows:

**Granger School:** Monday, March 31st, Tuesday, April 1st, and Wednesday, April 2nd.

**Clark School:** Thursday, April 3rd, and Friday, April 4th.

**Phelps School:** Monday, April 7th, and Tuesday, April 8th.

**Robinson Park:** Wednesday, April 9th, Thursday, April 10th, and Friday, April 11th.

If you have any questions, please call the principal of the school in your district or call Patricia Sakellis, 789-1400, extension 406.

## Pauline Liquori Again Makes College Dean's List

Miss Pauline Liquori, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Patsy Liquori, Agawam, recently was named to the Dean's List at the College of New Rochelle, New York.

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## Laughing Brook Sponsors Preview Of Spring

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, is offering a special program called "A Promise of Things To Come," Saturday, March 22nd, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

We are hosting this special family program to help get people into the spirit of the season and to help find those first elusive signs that are "a promise of things to come."

For adults, we will show "The Sundagger," a beautiful film which tells the story of the "dagger," a celestial calendar which marks the exact position of the sun and moon.

Constructed a thousand years ago by the Anasazi Indians in New Mexico, the calendar was rediscovered in 1977. The award-winning film is narrated by Robert Redford.

For children, we offer stories and games of the season during the film. Afterwards, everyone will venture outside in search for signs of spring...with a few surprises along the way!

A Promise Of Things To Come is open to the public and there is a fee, \$5 for two family members who are members, and \$6 for two family members and \$2 for additional family members who are not society members.

For more information, contact Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

## Learning Disability Workshop Planned By Advisory Council

The Agawam Parents' Advisory Council would like to remind parents that the second and third workshops in its series on "learning disabilities" will be Monday, March 24th and March 31st.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Martin Henley, professor at Westfield State College. The topics of Dr. Henley's workshops will be "Recognizing Learning Disabilities and Remediation," and "Psychological Problems Related to Learning Disabilities."

Dr. Henley is an associate professor in special education and has been a full-time member of the special education faculty for nine years. He received his ph.d. from Syracuse University in 1975. Dr. Henley also provides private counseling for parents of 766 children.

These workshops will be held at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, and will take place in the library from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## Basic Fabric Stenciling Course At Local Historical Museum

Alice Smith, curator of education and Early American decorative artist, will conduct a three-week course on basic fabric stenciling, beginning Tuesday, March 25th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Participants will learn the complete process of stenciling on fabric, from cutting the stencils to the techniques of creating handsome designs. Several projects will be completed, including a pillow top and a tote bag. Smith, who is a member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, has conducted many classes and has lectured extensively on Early American decorative techniques.

The supplies required for the first class are: exacto knife, 8 x 10 inch glass, masking tape, scissors, ruler, pencil, and notebook.

An additional supply list will be given at the first class. For registration and further information, please contact the museum, 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

## "Tall & Fabulous Tales" Will Delight Kids

The "Tall Tales and Fabulous Fables" activities, Sunday, March 23rd, will be held at both Springfield Art Museums, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., free of charge, with support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts: - Watch the "Tales of King Arthur" Puppet Performance by the Comic Theatre. The show recreates the excitement, adventure, and magic of Britain's medieval past using Rod puppets, human actors, and a multi-leveled stage.

The first of two legends is about Arthur's childhood and rise to kingship. Queen Guinevere and Merlin the Wizard each recall a favorite tale of their beloved Arthur. This story concludes with the end of Arthur's boyhood as he pulls the sword from the anvil and becomes King of Britain.

The second tale is the mature Arthur and Sir Gawain, one of the knights of the Round Table. We watch as King Arthur gets into trouble with an ogre and must solve a riddle to save his life. A bewitched hag helps

him, but first asks a favor in return, one that King Arthur cannot readily grant. With Sir Gawain's help, the spell is broken and all ends happily.

At the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum: - From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., watch Mark Maciolek's Unique, One-Man Show as he becomes Hans Christian Andersen in "My Life...A Fairy Tale."

Maciolek uses theatre-creative drama, masks, and puppetry in a series of amusing short sketches followed by workshops and discussions involving the audience. Children of all ages have delighted in reading Andersen's "stories," however they know little about the creator.

As a youth, his life was filled with frustration; he was constantly mocked, rejected, and insulted. Through God's mercy, his own burning desire, and courage to succeed, his life developed much like that of a beautiful fairy-tale.

Both the Museum of Fine Arts and the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum are located on the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets.

## Riverside Park Preparing For Easter Weekend Opening

There are three ways to tell when it's spring in New England. You can hear the robin birds sing, tulips begin to bloom, and Riverside's rides begin to whirl, swirl, and swing!

Riverside employees are preparing to help you shake off the cold and warm up your spirits with surprises, exciting shows, plenty of good food and new rides for the start of the 1986 season.

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## AHS Marching Mohawks Take Another First Place

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks took first place for high school bands at the Worcester St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, March 16th.

The Spencer (David Prouty High School) Band took first place for small bands with a score of 67.7. The Agawam High Mohawks took first place in the large band classification with a score of 82.1, placing them ahead of all the bands in the parade.

A large crowd was packed several deep over the three mile route along Park Avenue (Route 9) in Worcester and was estimated at well over 100,000 people. The weather was sunny and warm.

Other bands attending the parade included Portsmouth Patriots (Rhode Island), Athol High, Milford, Douglas, North Brookfield, Millbury, Shepard Hill Regional (Charlton), West Boylston, Southbridge, Maynard, and Portland (Connecticut).

This was Worcester's fourth St. Patrick's Day Parade and the committee was most anxious to have Agawam High attend, having seen them perform at the Quincy Parade in the fall where the Marching Mohawks took first place in the state championship event.

This coming Sunday, March 23rd, will find the Agawam High Band in line for the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade, with future commitments at the Dixie Classic in Virginia Beach and Springfield's 350th Celebration in May.

## Phelps PTO Schedules March 26th Meeting

On Wednesday, March 26th, at 7:30 p.m., Phelps PTO will hold its monthly meeting in the school cafeteria.

After a short business meeting, Larry Harbeson, home/school adjustment counselor for elementary schools, will speak on "Loving Our Kids."

He will discuss the hows, the whys, and the frustrations of loving our kids. Also, our communication and relationships through understanding our relationships and communication, will be featured.

Following the discussion, refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

## Kindergarten Registration Now Taking Place in Agawam

If your child will be entering kindergarten in September 1986, and you do not have an appointment for Kindergarten Registration and Screening from your neighborhood school, please call the school immediately.

The number to call is 789-1400. Ask for the elementary school nearest your home.

All children who will be five years-old before October 1st, 1986, are eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall of 1986.



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## Bikes, Skateboards All Part Of Kids' Spring



**FOUR YEAR-OLD JUSTIN BOUDREAU** of 59 Simpson Circle, Agawam, couldn't wait for the first nice day to get-out and try his bicycle, still equipped with training wheels. Justin promised us that before the summer is over, he will no longer need his "baby wheels." Advertiser

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**SHOWING GOOD FORM ON HIS SKATEBOARD** is James Parolo, 11, of 84 Fordham Avenue, Feeding Hills, last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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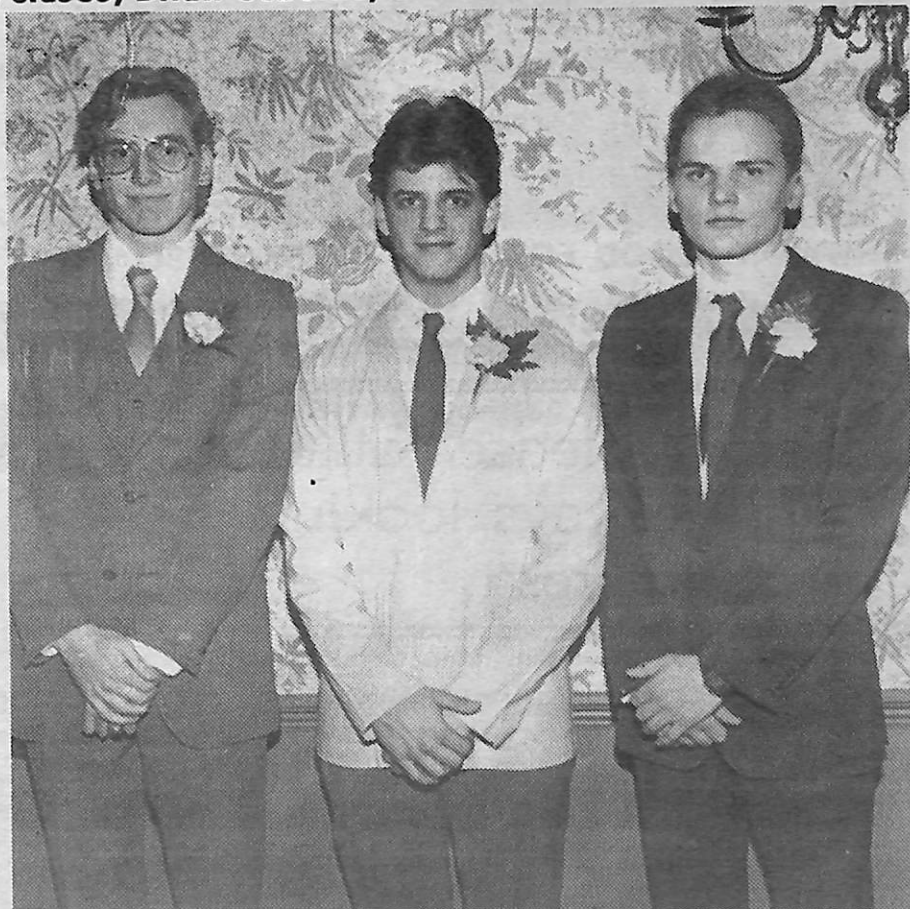
## Agawam High Swim Season Closes With Banquet



**SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS** of the Agawam High School varsity swim program, are, from left ! Allan McFall, Jackie Blakesley, Rich Vezis, Ericka Velasco, Brian Osborne, and Paul Enderle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**PINNING A BOUTONNIERE** on varsity swim coach Dave Smith at the recent banquet honoring the boys' and girls' swim team at Agawam High is Smith's wife, Judy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY BOYS' swim captains** for the 1985-86 season at the season-ending banquet are, from left - David Allen, Mike Wojcik, and Rich Vezis.

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**GIRLS' VARSITY CAPTAINS** for the recently completed schoolgirl swim season were Stacy Senflug and Judy Pignatare. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam High Hoop Teams Hold Season-Ending Banquet



**COACHES** in the Agawam High basketball program. From left - Jim Connery, junior varsity boys'; Rex Evans, freshman; Mike Martin, boys' varsity; Amy MacNicholl, girls' varsity; and Holly Mara, JV girls'. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH BOYS' and GIRLS' basketball teams for 1985-86**, are, back row, from left - Paul Scoville, Mike Avis, Mike Chausse, Paul Fetherston, Ray LeClair, and Tim Lockwood. Front row - Lisa Caron, Joelle Dion, and Gina Serra. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**TEAM CAPTAINS** for the 1985-86 Agawam High boys' and girls' basketball teams are, from left - Tim Lockwood, Joelle Dion, Gina Serra, and Mike Chausse.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Riverside Park Speedway To Keep With Same Announcing Crew

Riverside Park Speedway is making every effort possible to provide first class racing action with professional coverage for all Nascar Winston Racing Series events at the newly-renovated paved race facility in Agawam. In keeping with the policy for 1986, Speedway Director Gene Murphy and Race Promotional Manager Ben Dodge Jr., will be maintaining the same successful announcing format they had during 1985.

During 1986, the public address system will be upgraded and Mark Wiernasz will again be the co-announcer with Rollie Jacobs and Dodge.

Jacobs, one of the most respected media people in auto racing, will again hold his title as head announcer. Dodge will again oversee the announcing staff.

During 1985, Wiernasz developed a distinctive style for his announcing that proved popular with the Riverside race fan. He is an avid race fan who follows the NASCAR Modifieds and Grand Nationals on a regular basis, coming to Riverside with the highest of credentials.

He has been an employee of Channel 22 TV (WWLP) since 1975 and is currently a production manager. Many of his tasks at Channel 22

have included news reporting, producing, and directing. Wiernasz is no stranger to Riverside's race program. Before the 1983 season, he had been a substitute announcer on several occasions. He was also the Victory Lane coordinator for 1985.

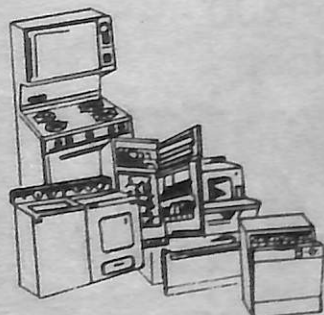
"The management of Riverside is pleased to have Mark as part of their new announcing team. Mark's performance showed great talent. Riverside needs more people like Mark," stated Dodge.

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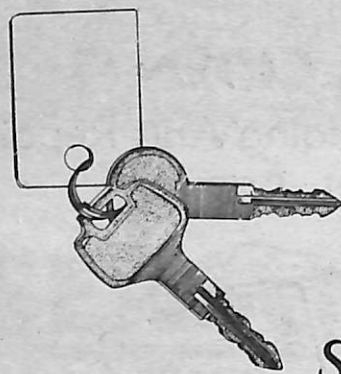
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## Champs Of Western Mass. 1986 Indoor Soccer League



**THE AGAWAM ATTACKERS**, under 12 girls' champs, won first place in the 1986 Western Mass. Indoor Soccer League, with an impressive record of 8-1-1. The girls also went on to win the playoff round after a 1-0 victory over a strong and determine Holyoke team. Team members are, back row, from left - Coach Dave LaPlante, Laura Bielitz, Silvana Manes, Tracie DiMascola, Nicole Racicot, and Assistant Coach Doris Bielitz. Front row - Erin Brown, Jennifer Lomelino, Amy LaPlante, and Sharon Waite. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

## Stefanik Leads Bowlers In Mid-Town Pro's

John Stefanik led all bowlers, Monday, March 17th, with a 117-112-156 series (385) as Tiffany's topped the Rollaway, 2-1, in the Mid-Town Pro Bowling League.

Chuck Catter launched a 381 to pace Valentini's Restaurant to a 2-1 victory over Springfield Police Athletic Association.

Stan Gonet (345) and Rick Gelinas (341) led Jack & Harry's Garage to a 2-1 decision over Polish American Club of Agawam.

Charlie Hill (347) and Rory Santaniello (348) led Murphy's Pop Stop to a 2-1 win over Mid-Town.

Other high scorers for the evening were: Alan Lariver, 361; Frank Tangredi, 353; Dick Smus, 350; Ray Burroughs, 348; Bill O'Brien, 348; Guy Boccasile, 345; Bob Bohl, 344; George Lecuyer, 343; and Al Johnson, 341.

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**ENJOYING PIZZA** are members of the Agawam Attackers, Sharon Waite and Nicole Racicot. The Attackers recently won the Western Mass Championship in the Indoor Soccer League and enjoyed a pizza party after winning the title. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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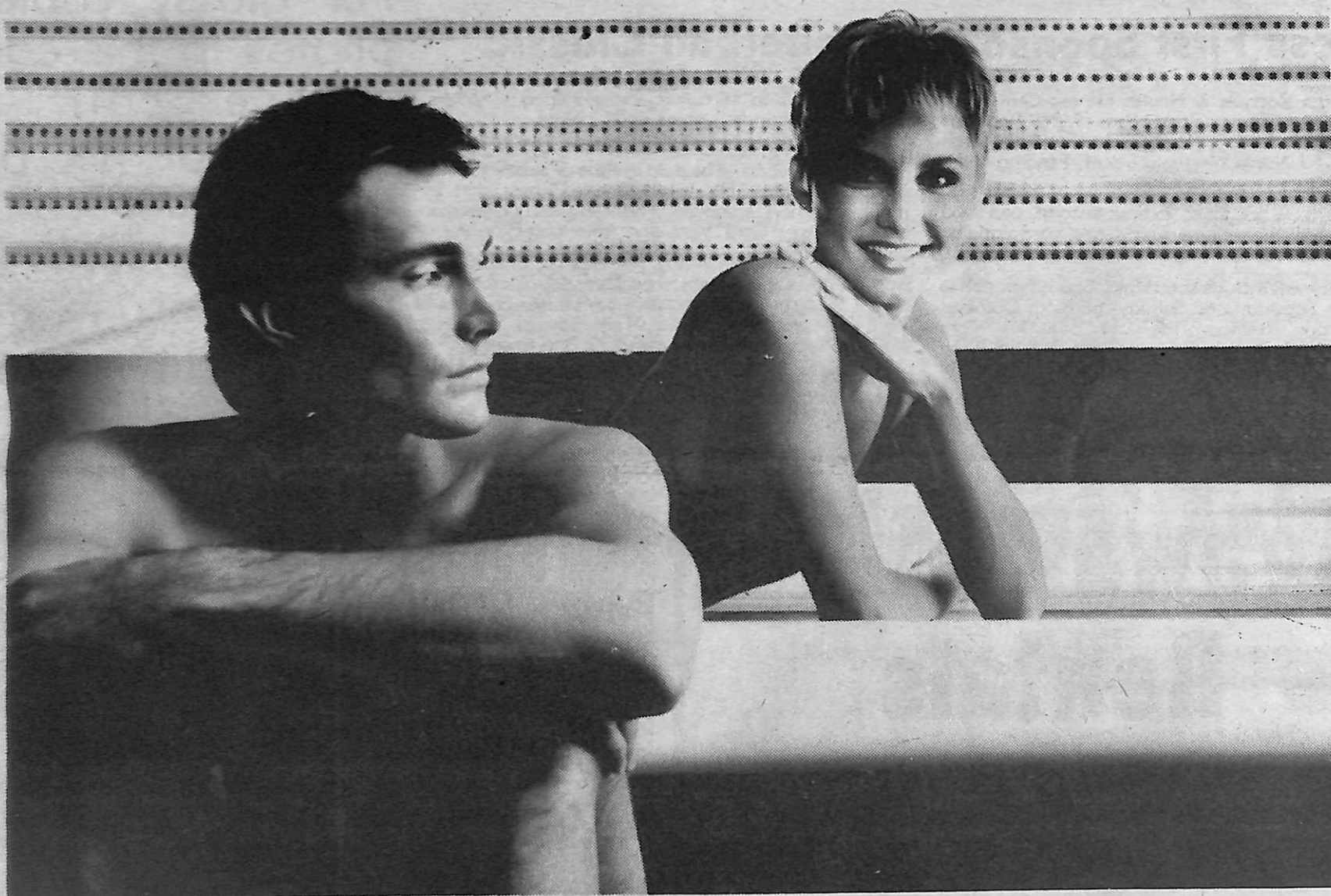
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## Adult Registration Extended For Programs

Registration for the extension of these adult programs will be held daily, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Agawam Parks and Recreation Office, which is now located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance, look for the signs.

### OPEN GYM - HIGH SCHOOL - ADULTS

**SESSION:** March 3rd/6th to March 24th/27th

**TIME:** Mondays and/or Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Agawam High School gym.

**REGISTRATION:** Not required.

**FEE:** \$2 per person per night (pay the supervisor at the door).

### DANCE-AEROBICS

**SESSION:** March 18th/20th to May 6th/8th (8 weeks).

**TIME:** Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Agawam Middle School (small gym).

**REGISTRATION:** Agawam Recreation Office.

**PROGRAM FEE:** \$35 per person. No refunds. If you wish to join for one night, cost will be \$20 per person.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Debbie Tracy and staff.

### WOMEN'S EXERCISE AND SWIM

**SESSION:** March 31st to May 19th (8 weeks).

**TIME:** Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Agawam Junior High School Gym "A".

**REGISTRATION:** Agawam Recreation Office.

**PROGRAM FEE:** \$10 per person. No refunds.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Willie Fortini.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND SWIM

**SESSION:** March 31st to May 19th (8 weeks).

**TIME:** Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Agawam Junior High School Gym "B".

**REGISTRATION:** Agawam Recreation Office.

**PROGRAM FEE:** \$10 per person.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Willie Fortini.

### OPEN SWIM

**SESSION:** March 31st to May 19th.

**TIME:** Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**POOL FEE:** \$1 per person. Pay the lifeguard on duty.

### SCUBA INSTRUCTION

Scuba instruction will be offered April 15th to May 1st, 1986.

This is a certified PADI Program. There will be two hours of classroom instruction and two hours in the pool per night.

**SESSION:** April 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th and May 1st.

**TIME:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Agawam Junior High School Pool.

**REGISTRATION:** Agawam Recreation Office.

**PROGRAM FEE:** \$80 per person.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Carl Grezbien and staff. For further information, call Springfield Scuba Supply, 736-7411.

### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

**SESSION:** April 1st to 29th (5 weeks).

**TIME:** Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Agawam Middle School (large gym).

**REGISTRATION:** Agawam Recreation Office.

**PROGRAM FEE:** \$10 per person.

## Riverside Speedway Set For Big Opener

The track is ready. The drivers are set and the green flag is about to wave in the start of the 38th season of auto racing at Riverside's quarter-mile, action-packed track.

It all starts Saturday evening, March 29th, at 7:00 p.m., as some of the areas best drivers climb behind the wheels of their magnificent machines, all competing for the season's top sport in NASCAR-sanctioned modified stock car events.

Many of racing's veteran drivers will be back again this season to thrill the thousands of cheering fans that continue to pack the stadium season after season. Expected back are John Rosati of Agawam, who captured the track champion title last year; Bob Polverari of West Springfield, grand winner of the Stafford classic the "Spring Sizzler"; and Reggie Ruggiero, Ray Miller and Stan Greger, who will be here for another season.

According to NASCAR Racing Director Ralph Ouderkerk, "Although a lot of the favorites will be around this year at Riverside, be sure to keep an eye on some of the newcomers. They might just surprise you."

Pro Stocks will also be a big part of the racing events at the stadium this season as will the Street Stocks. Also on the agenda are the ever popular demolition derbies and Enduro events.

With acres of parking available, Riverside is ready to bring you the best season of auto racing yet.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, call 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave him a message. Please don't call the office as Jack has all negatives.

## Fitness First Sponsors Racquetball Classic

Fitness First Racquet & Health Fitness Center will host the Annual "Spring Classic Best of '86" Racquetball Tournament, Friday, March 21st to Sunday, March 23rd, at its 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, facility.

Awards will be presented to first, second, and third place finishers, as well as first place consolations. Each player will receive a special tournament shirt.

Hospitality will include soft drinks, Squincher, coffee and donuts Saturday and Sunday morning; Dominos Pizza Saturday afternoon; the gala "Saturday Night Banquet," with disc jockey and dancing in "The Regency Room" of Da Vinci's Restaurant, upstairs from the racquetball facility.

All AARA rules apply for this tournament. There will

be two games to 15 points, tiebreaker to 11 points. Consolation round - 1 game to 21 points.

The entry fee is \$25 for first event, \$12 for second event. Entry fee must be paid at time of submittance of application. Make checks payable to Fitness First. Entry fees are non-refundable. Phone entries accepted only with Master Card, Visa, and American Express.

Matches will begin Friday, March 21st, at 4:00 p.m. Starting times may be obtained Thursday, March 20th, after 1:00 p.m. The tournament committee consists of Mark DeMarco, Paul Basile, Tom Barbuti, and Kurt Welker. Please, bring your own lock and towels.

Nursery facilities will not be available. Children must be accompanied by a non-playing adult at all times. AARA rules apply to player level.

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## Sportsman's Corner by Bill Chiba Outdoor Sports Writer

It looks like the bad weather is behind us. With its passing, the thoughts of spring are nagging us.

For instance, from now to May, the woodlands will be filled with yelps, putts, and gobbles. The yelps and putts will be made by us, and the gobbles by inquisitive turkeys looking for a mate. As all successful turkey hunters know, the preparation for the hunt is most demanding — getting up around 4:00 a.m. and heading for the hills; blow on an owl call before sunrise and hope that a "Tom Turkey" will answer you; and if he does, then the heart begins to pound.

The plan is to get as close to the bird without spooking him. Next, softly give the tree call, smack your hands violently against your chest, then hit the ground with a loud smack with both hands. You are trying to imitate a hen turkey leaving the roost and landing on the ground. The gobbler has you pinpointed and is getting anxious to hear the soft call from the hen. This call you give is a soft "putt putt."

It things work-out like they should, the "Tom" will hit the bricks and come looking for the sexy hen. A couple of putts and a yelp and the amorous gobbler will strut in front of you and give you an opportunity to take some beautiful photos.

You can bet your boots that quite a few Agawam outdoorsmen will be reporting to work the next month with red eyes and unsuppressed yawns. Good turkey hunters like Doug Kerr and Brian Blackak will cover many miles locating turkeys before the season opens in May. Believe me. They earn their bird.

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The spring turkey season will open in Vermont May 8th and run to May 31st. The same method of hunting pertains in Vermont as well as in Massachusetts. We have many local hunters that pursue the wily game bird each year in Vermont.

Nearly 7,000 permits were mailed out to prospective turkey hunters by the Division of Fish & Wildlife. Applicants to receive permits had filed 3,869 applications for the first hunting period (May 5th to 10th) and 3,044 for the second period (May 12th to 24th). A total of 5,600 permits had been allocated for each hunting segment.

The 1986 turkey hunt will cover a zone somewhat larger than in previous years. This year's zone includes all of Berkshire and Franklin counties, and those portions of Hampshire and Hampden counties west of the Connecticut River, as well as that portion of Worcester County west of Route 31 and north of Route 9.

### Tough Times Ahead

President Reagan's fiscal 1987 budget blatantly ignores a consistent user fee policy. The budget would increase fees paid by the general public for use of national parks and forests, but fails to impose adequate fees on other public land users such as miners and ranchers.

The budget proposes first-time entrance fees at 120 parks, seashores, monuments, and other areas within the National Park System, and increased fees at 60 other park system units.

Fees also would be charged for use of more than 3,000 campgrounds, picnic areas, and other recreational facilities in national forests. But the budget continues the below-market fees that ranches pay for grazing on public lands and fails to recover federal costs for processing mining recording claims.

The 1987 Reagan budget would also close seven FWS fish hatcheries and visitors' centers at six other hatcheries. The U.S. Forest Service Fish and Wildlife Programs would also get the axe.

For example, only 650,000 acres of national forests would be slated for wildlife habitat improvements, 41 percent less than was budgeted in fiscal 1986.

## Ag. Parks & Rec. Dept. Offers Youth Baton Lessons

Registration for Youth Baton will be accepted at the Agawam Recreation Office located at the Agawam High School (right rear driveway) daily, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**SESSION:** April 4th to May 30th (no class April 25th).

**TIME:** Fridays, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Agawam Middle School (large gym).

**REGISTRATION:** Agawam Recreation Office or at first class.

**PROGRAM FEE:** \$12 per person. No refunds.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Nancy DeCosmo Locke and Staff.

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## St. Mike, BC Making Own Race In Monday Night Tri-Parish Bowling League

While the rest of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League fumbles and bumbles, St. Michael (1st-17 wins) and Boston College (2nd-14½ wins) are making it a two-team race for the Round Three title. After five weeks of rolling in the 11th week third and final round, only Notre Dame (3rd-12½ wins) and Fordham (4th-12 wins) seem to have any designs on annexing the round.

St. Mike's was slowed down somewhat by disappointing St. Anselm (5th place-11 wins), two wins each. Still, St. Mike's has won 17 of 20 games this round. Fortunately for St. A's, the great rolling of one RAY BARBIERI has continued. He fired a 332 to lead the St. A's rollers. Also gaining an individual win for St. A's was steady KATHY PRZESZLO (297). St. Mike's winners were PAULINE DEPALO (284) and captain MIKE O'CONNELL (342). He really laid the wood to poor VI MASSOIA (290).

Notre Dame inflicted heartache and pain on St. Louis (6th-10 wins). St. Lou, the defending grand champions, are in a grim situation - they probably won't qualify for the playoffs to defend its title. The only way St. Lou can be by winning this round. The lone ND winner was PEG TASSINARI (292). St. Lou winners included MIKE O'CONNELL, JR. (342) and captain DEBBIE POIRIER with a very sad night of 288. ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO wasn't much better (274). Continuing to roll well for ND was RENEE JURY (333), in a losing effort to O'CONNELL.

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St. Mary (7th-9½ wins) crushed hopeless Villanova (11th-7 wins), four wins to none. St. Mary's was led by the huge rolling of STEVE DEVANEY, that famous waiter at Da Vinci's Restaurant (340). Also winning for St. Mary's were JEAN BUONINCONTI (289) and captain FRED MORASSI (338), who is fresh and rested from his vacation in Florida.

For Villanova, FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO continued his downward slide with a lousy 287 loss to Audrey Phillips. The only Villanova roller who was in any way respectable was anchorman STEVE ROVITHIS (321).

Round Two winner Georgetown (10th place-8 wins) split with a better Catholic University team (8th place-8½ wins), two wins each. G-Town winners included JAY LAGODITZ (259), CHERYL PRZESZLO (289), and captain AL "The Fearsome One" Moccio (349). AI defeated CU captain JIM SNYDER (322), who, despite the loss, is rolling very well of late. The lone CU winner was VENEWTTA SNYDER (275).

Fourth place Fordham (12 wins) took three victories over hapless Loyola (last place-2 wins). Fordham winners included JANICE MOCCIO (299) and RICH SNYDER (a big 355-314 victory over jewelry expert RON HAMEL). The only Loyola winner was captain EDDIE ANDERSON (318). Anderson, however, could only muster an 85 third string which really hurt. Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL hit a 302.

## Summer Jobs Available At Shea's Field Camp

The Agawam Summer Day Camp and Pre-School Camp at Shea's Field are again seeking enterprising applicants.

Applications are available at the Agawam Town Manager's Office, located in Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street.

Individuals who have previously been employed in the department's summer camp program will have preference, but Director Jack Kunasek reminds everyone that all must file an application to be considered.

Applicants must be residents of Agawam who are high school graduates or will be graduating this June. Applicants also must be furthering their education,

preferably in the social service's field. A water lifesaving certificate is an advantage, but not necessary.

The camp program will run from Monday, June 30th to Friday, August 15th, for a total of seven weeks. Daily hours for camp will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Camp will be closed Friday, July 4th.

Applications may be picked up Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Town Manager's Office (Personnel Department).

Completed applications must be returned to the Town Manager's Office by Friday, May 2nd.

All applicants will be contacted for interviews by the recreation director. Interviews will be held in the Recreation Office which is now located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance.

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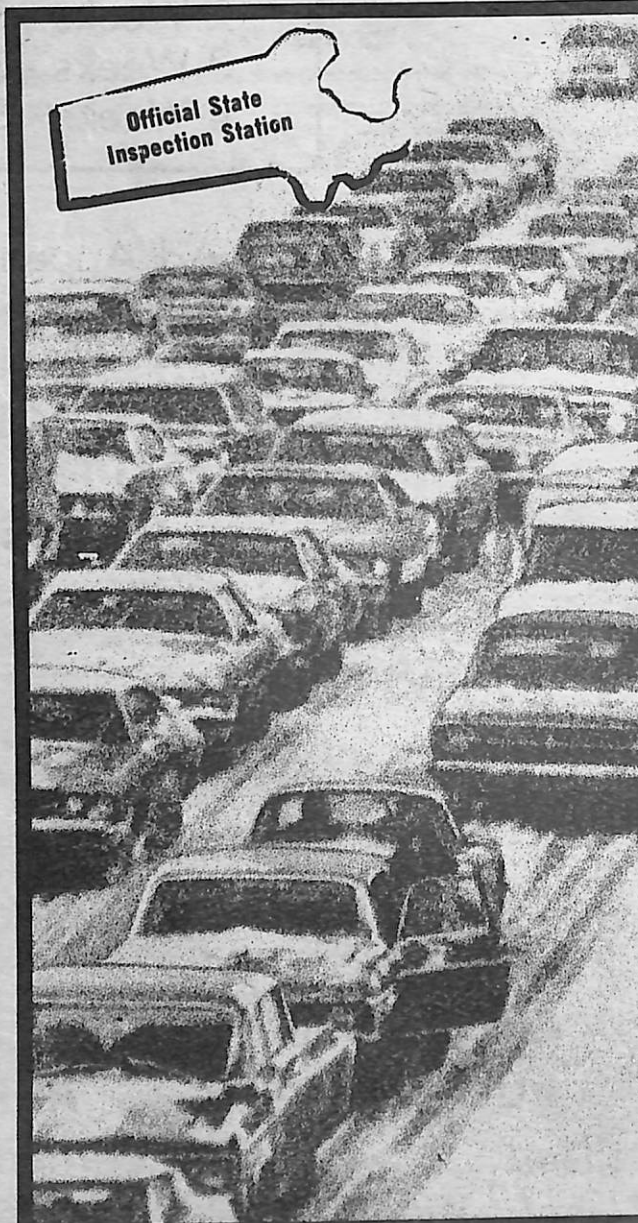
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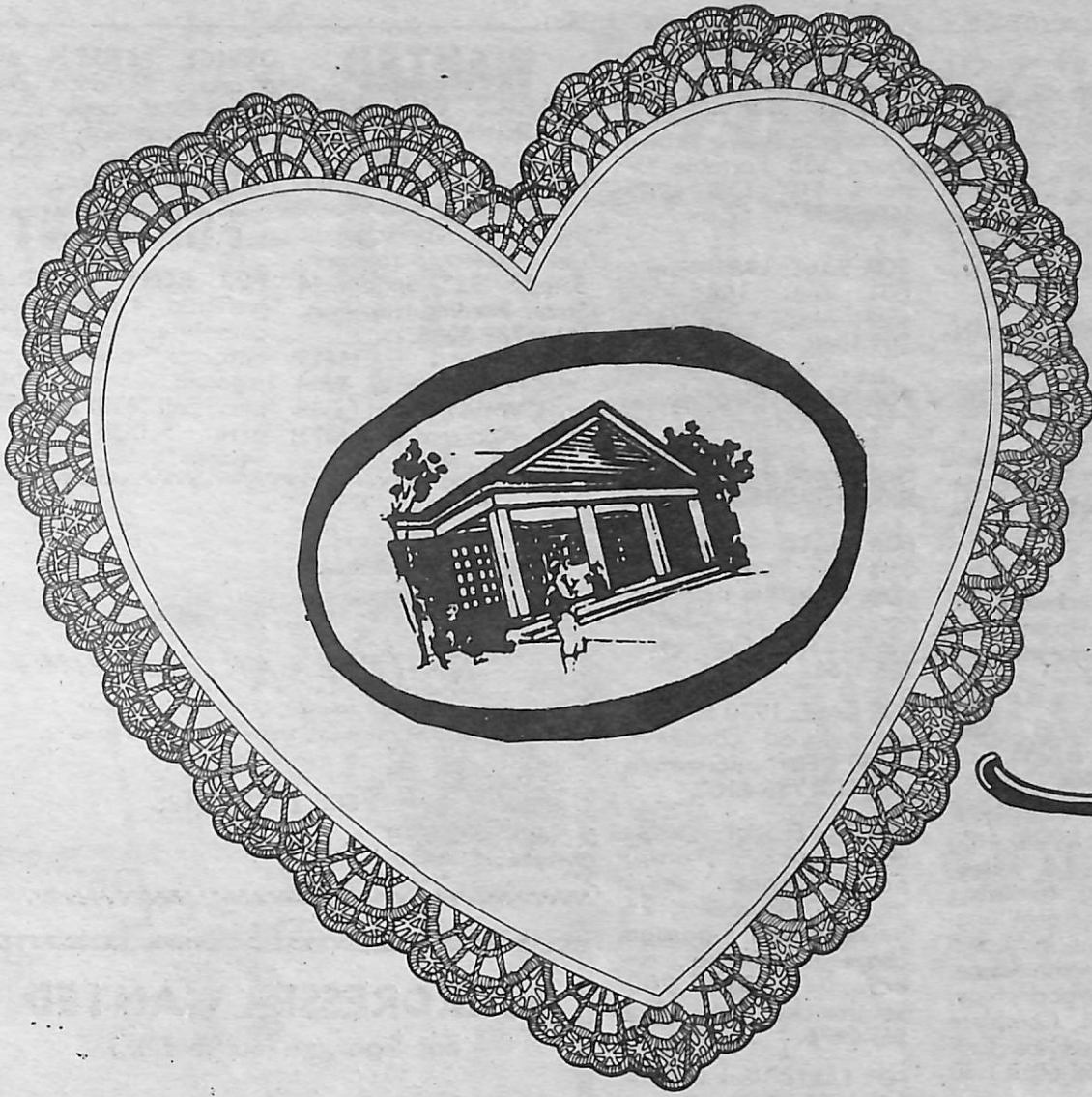
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